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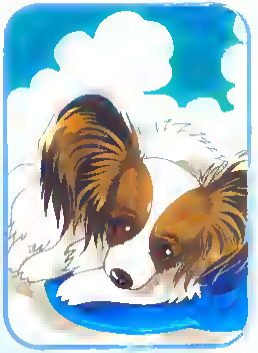

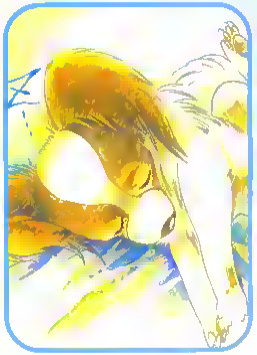

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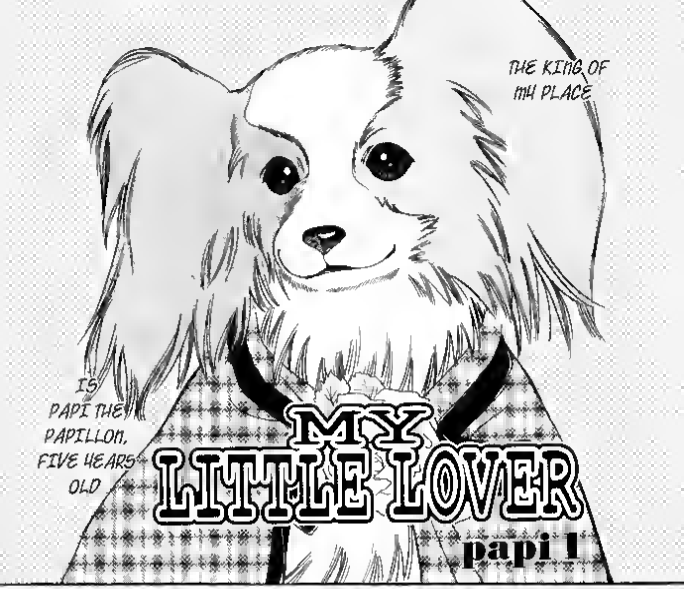
THE KING OF MY PLACE
IS PAPI THE PAPILLON, FIVE YEARS OLD
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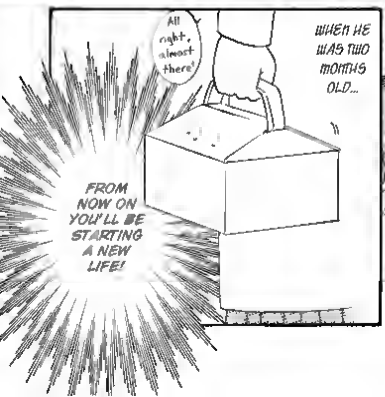
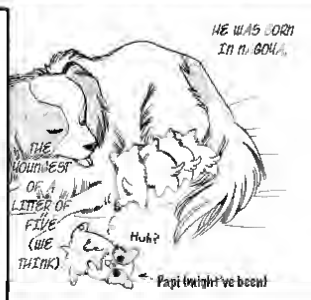
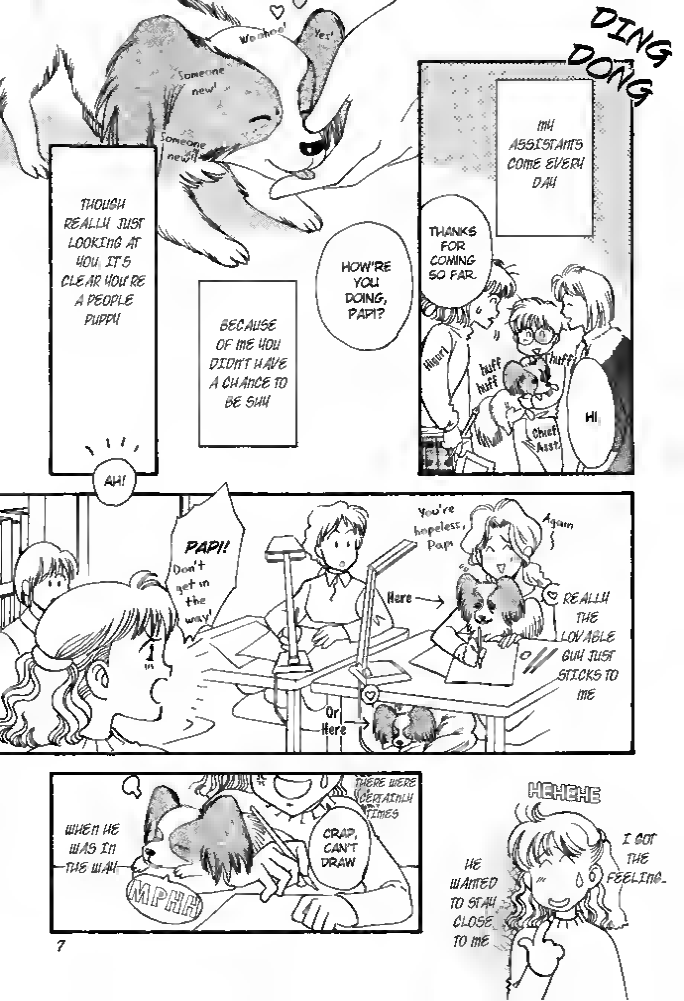

All right, almost there!
WHEN HE WAS TWO MONTHS OLD...
FROM NOW ON YOU'LL BE STARTING A NEW LIFE!


HE WAS BORN IN A BOX.
THE HOTTEST OF A LITTER OF FIVE (WE THINK)
Huh?
Papi (might've been)

IN THIS INDUSTRY, THIS IS CALLED A
SCENE OF CHAOS
Cough—the deadline!
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
THE POOR GIRL HAD TO MAKE DO WITH SPECIAL EFFECTS.
HOWEVER
HERE! PUT THIS IN!
THIS TOO!
THANKS TO ME, MY DOG BECAME AFRAID OF THE DARK.
WHY'S IT DARK!! IT'S SCARY!
WHAT'S WITH THE DARK?!
SO DARK!
whine
ON THE FEW NON-CHAOTIC DAYS,
DAWN ALL READY GUESS I SHOULD SLEEP
THERE'S NO NIGHT IN THIS PLACE
ZZZZ


Someone new!
Someone new!
Woahoo!
Yes!
THOUGH REALLY JUST LOOKING AT YOU, IT'S CLEAR YOU'RE A PEOPLE PUPPY!
BECAUSE OF ME YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO BE SAD!
HOW'RE YOU DOING, PAPI?
DING DONG
MY ASSISTANTS COME EVERY DAY!
THANKS FOR COMING SO FAR.
Huuu!
huff huff
huff
Chief Assi.
HI.
AH!
PAPI! Don't get in the way!
You're hopeless, Papi
Again
Here
REALLY THE LOVABLE GUY JUST STICKS TO ME
Or Here
WHEN HE WAS IN THE WAY
MPHH
THERE WERE CERTAINLY TIMES
CRAP, CAN'T DRAW
HEHEHE
I GOT THE FEELING...
HE WANTED TO STAY CLOSE TO ME

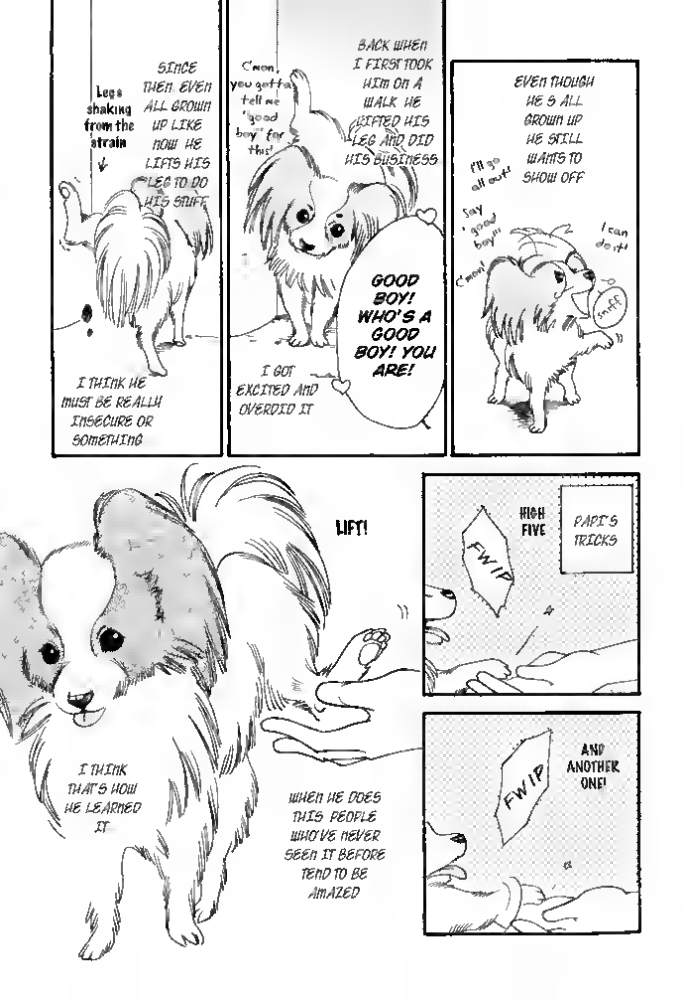
HE BECAME MY OWN PERSONAL ALARM WHENEVER HE HEARD THE SOUND OF THEIR TRUCK BACKING UP
SIGN HERE.
SORRY ABOUT THE NOISE AGAIN
YIP YIP
Told ya didn't I?
Lookie, it's here! A package!
It's a package!!
AND SO...
BEEP BEEP
MY PUBLISHER OFTEN USES O-DAY EXPRESS DELIVERY TO SEND ME THINGS.
FWIP
I'm done
I wanna bath!
WORKING
Awuh, hey you!
WORKING
I'VE GOT TO GET THIS TO THE EXPRESS POST!!
WORKING
Scribble scribble
Scribble scribble
WORKING
BOTH HUMANS AND PUPPY...
GET EXHAUSTED
ZZZZ
ZZZZ
ZZZZ
RESTING

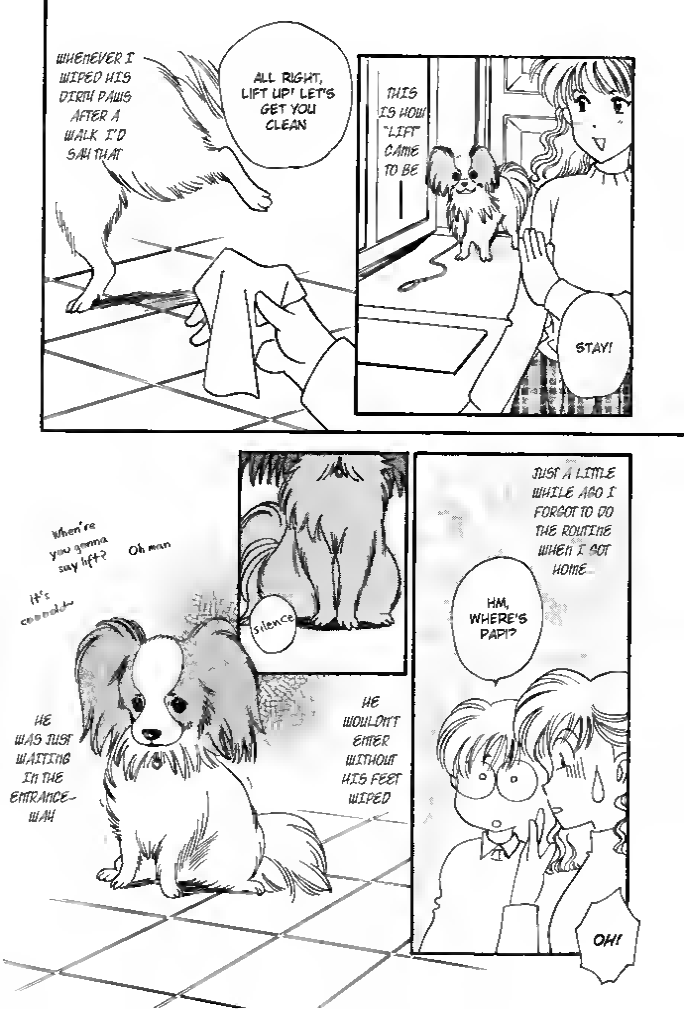
AND THE DOGS IN EUROPE WERE SO WELL TRAINED
THEY'D CALMLY WAIT FOR THEIR MASTERS AT DINNER
ON A TRIP TO GERMANY...
I WAS TOTALLY ENVIOUS OF THE GERMAN GUY USING ONE
NICE, IT EXPANDS
I WENT AND BOUGHT A RETRACTABLE LEASH FOR OUR WALKS
*A COMIC ANIME FROM THE SEVENTIES
HIS TRAINING
NOT SO GOOD
AM I HIROSHI FROM DOKONJOU GAERU!?*
IT WAS A TOTAL DI-SAS-TER
MEOW
What a weird leash
Whoa...it extends!
WOOF WOOF
AHHWAH I HAD TO TRY IT OUT

PANIC
PAPI!!!
Wahh, the horse is chasing me!
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
SHOCK
CLATTER
CLATTER
AND ON TOP OF THAT
OH CRAP!
PAPI, WAIT !!!!
POOPED
I CHASED PAPI ALL THE WAY DOWNTOWN
OH CRAP, WHAT IF HE FELL INTO A STREAM?
puff puff
puff puff
WHERE THE HECK COULD HE HAVE GONE...?
IN THE END I LOST TRACK OF HIM..

Don't tell me you got here just ahead of me?!
TAP TAP
sob
I SHOULD'VE BROUGHT A FLASHLIGHT
WHAT DO I DO I NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN?
flop flop
DONK
BUT HE CAME AND WAITED IN FRONT OF THE DOOR THAT TIME TOO IT ALL CAME OUT FINE
THIS IS YOUR HOME!
YOU GOT IT!
WE ONLY GOT FREE ONE OTHER TIME AFTER THAT

THERE ARE TRAINING PADS COVERING THE ENTIRE FLOOR
Slipper
OUR BATHROOM IS FOR DOGS AND HUMANS BOTH
pat pat pat
OH, BATHROOM TIME
scratch scratch
You always do!
You've gotta say it!
Say good boy!"
I went peepee!
BUT THEN HE WENT ON TO THINK THAT GOING TO THE BATHROOM ITSELF WAS A GOOD THING
Training pad back then
WAY TO GO, PAPI! GOOD BOY!
YOU SEE WHEN HE WAS A PUPPY I'D PRAISE HIM WHEN HE WENT ON THE TRAINING PADS
WE HAD A LITTLE MISUNDER-STANDING


Legs shaking from the strain
SINCE THEN EVEN ALL GROWN UP LIKE NOW HE LIFTS HIS LEG TO DO HIS SNIFF
I THINK HE MUST BE REALLY INSECURE OR SOMETHING
C'mon, you gotta tell me "good boy" for this!
BACK WHEN I FIRST TOOK HIM ON A WALK HE LIFTED HIS LEG AND DID HIS BUSINESS
GOOD BOY! WHO'S A GOOD BOY! YOU ARE!
I GOT EXCITED AND OVERDID IT
EVEN THOUGH HE'S ALL GROWN UP HE STILL WANTS TO SHOW OFF
I'll go all out!
Say "good boy"!
I can do it!
C'mon!
Sniff
LIFT!
HIGH FIVE
PAPI'S TRICKS
FWIP
AND ANOTHER ONE!
I THINK THAT'S HOW HE LEARNED IT
WHEN HE DOES THIS PEOPLE WHO'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE TEND TO BE AMAZED


WHENEVER I WIPED HIS DIRTY PAWS AFTER A WALK I'D SAY THAT
ALL RIGHT, LIFT UP! LET'S GET YOU CLEAN
THIS IS HOW "LIFT" CAME TO BE
STAY!
JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO I FORGOT TO DO THE ROUTINE WHEN I GOT HOME...
HM, WHERE'S PAPI?
OH!
HE WOULDN'T ENTER WITHOUT HIS FEET WIPED
HE WAS JUST WAITING IN THE ENTRANCE-WAY
When're you gonna say lift?
Oh man
It's command...
Silence

SNAP
SNAP
LIKE A DOING PARENT I WENT OVERBOARD TAKING PICTURES?
FUMP
IT'S MY DOGGIE!
C'MON, TAKE A LOOK!
SHOULDN'T THEY HAVE SOME KIND OF REACTION? I JUST DON'T GET IT...
BUT WHEN I SHOW SOMEONE THIS POSE...
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FREETALK 1

Papi is totally single-minded. Ever since he was little, he's always had this one husky plushie named Chobi, and he'd just totally ignore any other plushie. Since he can't do without seeing Chobi around, I bought like twelve of him. (Just in case they go out of production.) We're on the 5th or 6th Chobi right now! But enough of Chobi. ~ Lately I've been looking around for a mate for him. Could anyone out there help me out...?

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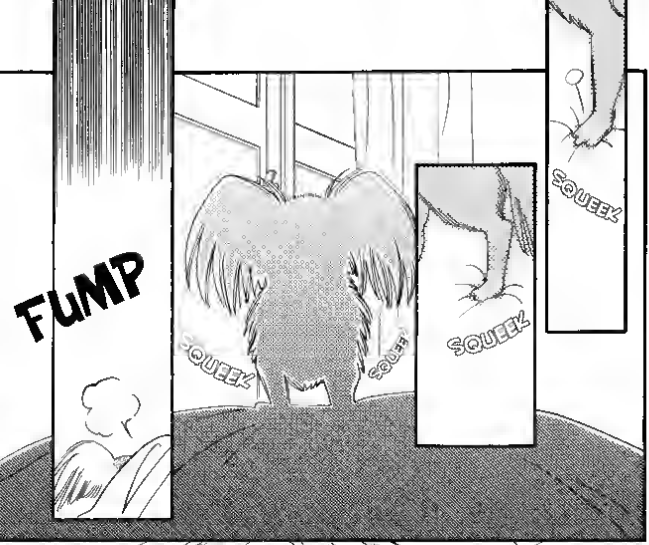
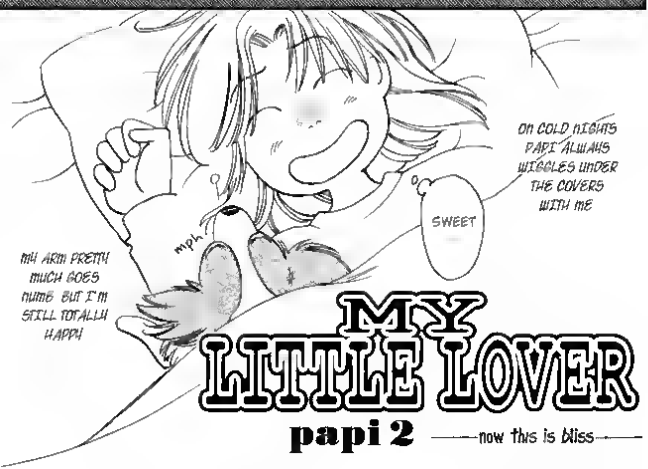



ON COLD NIGHTS PAPI ALWAYS WIGGLES UNDER THE COVERS WITH ME
SWEET
mph..
MY ARM PRETTY MUCH GOES NUMB BUT I'M STILL TOTALLY HAPPY

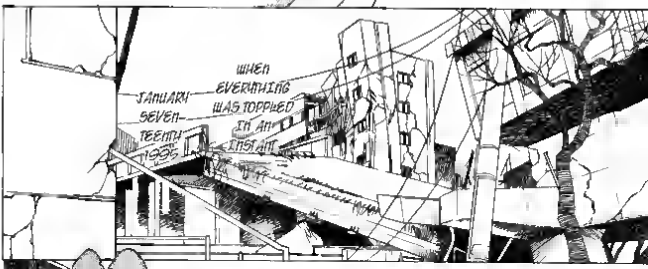
MY LITTLE LOVER

papi 2

now this is bliss

EVEN NOW AND THEN THAT THOUGHT WILL RANDOMLY POP INTO MY HEAD SINCE THAT DAY.

HE'S ALIVE!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALIVE!
I CAN FEEL THE WARMTH OF HIS BODY AND THE SOUND OF HIS HEARTBEAT


JANUARY SEVENTEENTH 1995
WHEN EVERYTHING WAS TOPPLED IN AN INSTANT

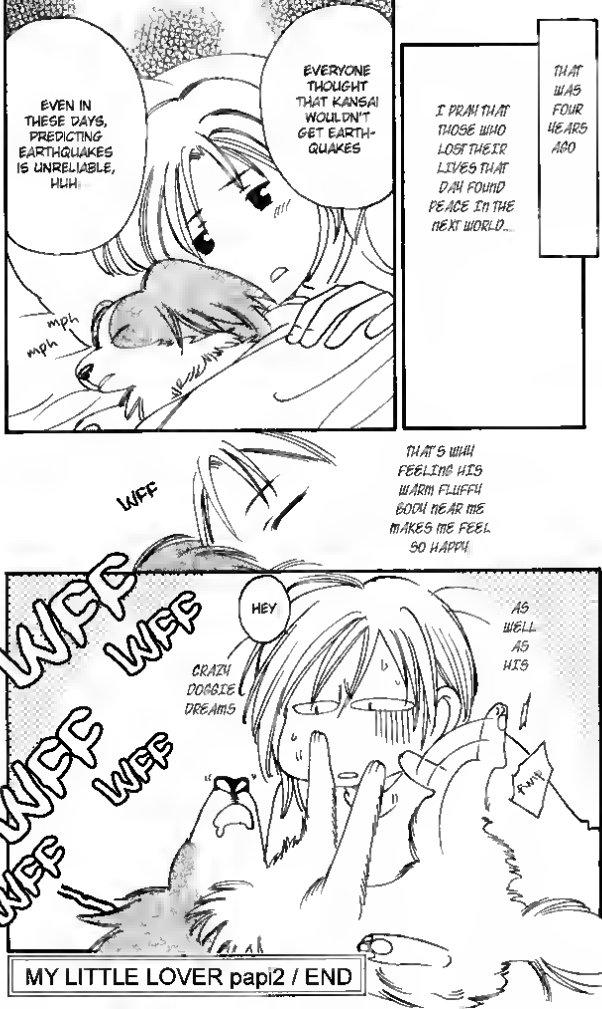
squeak
AH!
All right
tick
ON THAT DAY...
YAWN
MAN, IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE?

wanna sleep yet?
You don't
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
AT 5:46 AM
mph
mph
Gah, watch it!
THUD
I couldn't take the temptation
THESE HUGE TREMORS SHOOK THE WHOLE PLACE
IT WAS THE GREAT HANSHIN EARTHQUAKE
W—WHAT?!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

IF THE EDGE OF MY BED HADN'T CAUGHT THE BOOKSHELF I'D HAVE BEEN IN SERIOUS TROUBLE
WHAT THE?!
PUMP
LIGHTS... THEY'RE OUT?!
He should be here...
PA...
PAPI?!
WHERE ARE YOU? IT'S TOO DARK TO SEE.
A... ANYWAY, LET'S LOOK...
PAPI!
WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN THAT INSTANT
WAS TOO MUCH FOR ME TO TAKE IN ALL AT ONCE
OH...

AND THEN
rustle
PA PI
NO
IT WAS NO USE I THOUGHT PAPI WAS BURIED UNDER THE BOOKS AND IT SHOOK ME TO THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART
PAPI!
PAPI!
PAPI!
PAPI!!!
MY BOOKS AND BOOKSHELVES WERE SCATTERED ABOUT AND THERE WAS NOWHERE TO STAND IN THE ROOM.....
rustle
rustle
PAPI ...?
PAPI, IS THAT...?

THANK GOD!
lick
AH
WAS THE ONLY SAFE PLACE IN THE ROOM
PAPI MUST HAVE REALIZED THAT RIGHT NEAR THE DOOR...
whoosh
COME HERE, BOY, IT'S COLD.
No way!
UNTIL ALL THE AFTERSHOCKS FADED AWAY PAPI WOULD RUN UP TO THE DOOR AND WOULDN'T BUDGE
YOU TRAITOR
SO YOU SAVED YOUR OWN HIDE, DID YA?


EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT KANSAI WOULDN'T GET EARTH-QUAKES
EVEN IN THESE DAYS, PREDICTING EARTHQUAKES IS UNRELIABLE, HUH
mph
mph
THAT WAS FOUR YEARS AGO
I PRAY THAT THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES THAT DAY FOUND PEACE IN THE NEXT WORLD...
THAT'S WHY FEELING HIS WARM FLUFFY BODY NEAR ME MAKES ME FEEL SO HAPPY
WFF
WFF
WFF
WFF
WFF
WFF
HEY
CRAZY DOGGIE DREAMS
AS WELL AS HIS
P-WH
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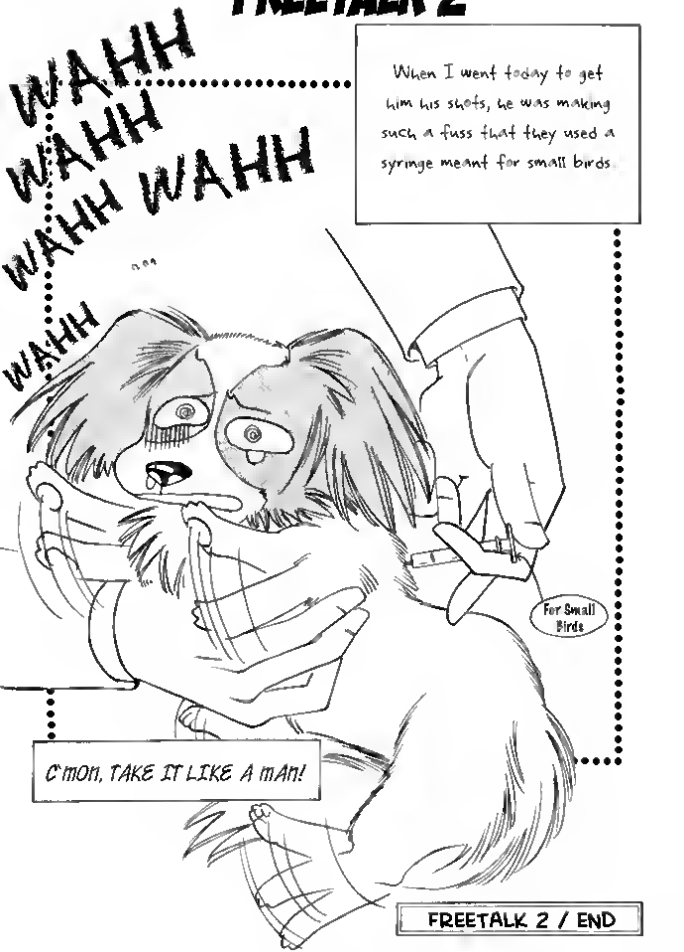
FREETALK 2


WAHH
WAHH
WAHH WAHH
WAHH
When I went today to get him his shots, he was making such a fuss that they used a syrnge meant for small birds.
For Small Birds
C'MON, TAKE IT LIKE A MAN!

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OUT OF THE WAY.
papi 3
Whatever
Isn't that what her face says?
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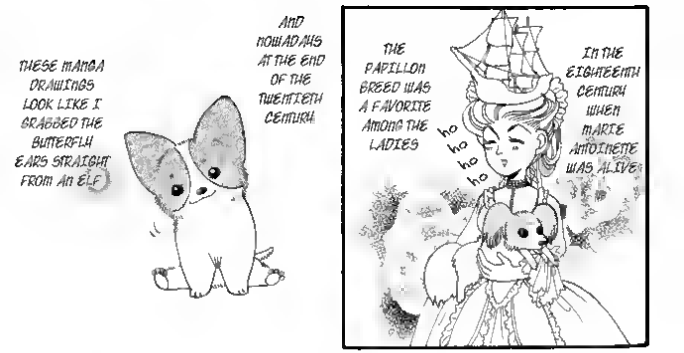
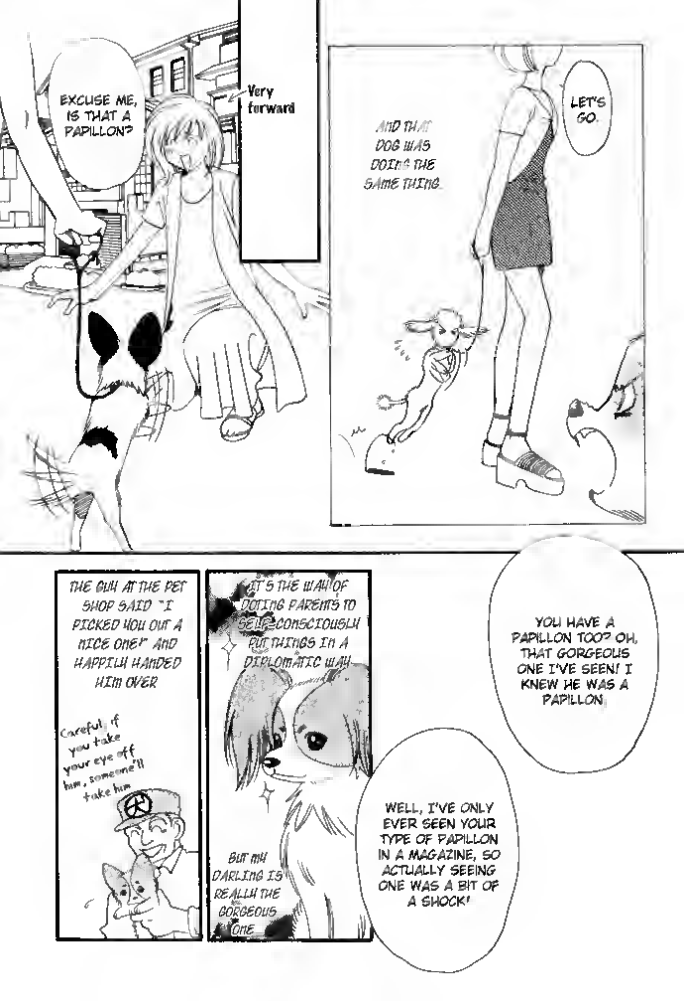
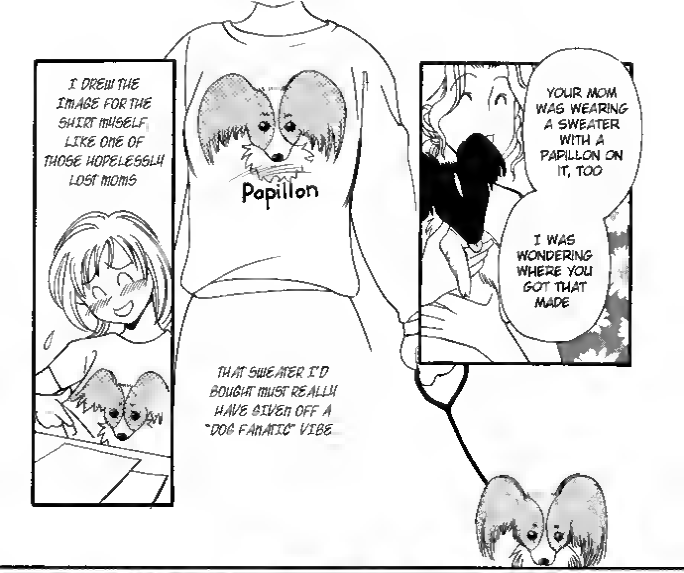

THESE MANGA DRAWINGS LOOK LIKE I GRABBED THE BUTTERFLY EARS STRAIGHT FROM AN ELF
AND NOW ADAYS AT THE END OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY
THE PAPILLON BREED WAS A FAVORITE AMONG THE LADIES
ho ho ho ho
IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY WHEN MARIE ANTOINETTE WAS ALIVE

Another scene of Chaos
That's it! I give up!
glub
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
SHOCK
Look, he's got some grey around the eyes!
scratch
Adult
TIMELINE
Small Kid
PRESENT DAY
Middle-Aged
Middle School
Fane suddenly longer, this looks like a haircut.
SORRY! WORK'S BEEN REALLY TOUGH.
I HAVEN'T BEEN SAYING YOU'RE CUTE AS MUCH LATELY!
M-m. THAT'S RIGHT...

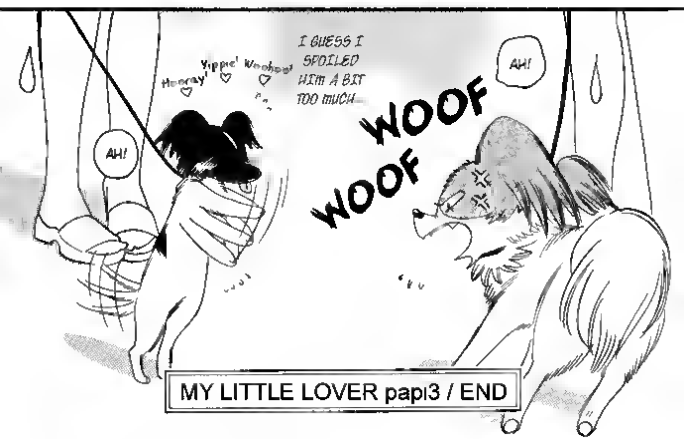
THEN JUST LIKE I'D IMAGINED
AH!
I WONDER I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM ONCE
A PAPILLON WITH A JET BLACK FACE?
?
WHEN I'M WALKING I SEE THEM A LOT THAT DOG HAS A GREAT PERSONALITY, AND ALWAYS GOES WILD WHEN HE SEES SOMEONE
HE'S SMALL WITH A BLACK FACE
NOW,
I HEARD THERE'S ANOTHER GIRL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHO HAS A PAPILLON
MOM
I SAW EXACTLY WHAT MY MOTHER HAD TOLD ME ABOUT
IS THAT HIM?!
AH?!
JUMP
Uhhh...
But he looks way off from Pop

huff
huff
huff
huff
Warm
Welcome
PAT
WHAT THE ~~~~~?!
sniff
Papi
SO THAT DOG DOES THAT ALL THE TIME..? MY DARLING'S NEVER DONE THAT AT ALL.
lift
WOOF
Evil
WOOF
Evil
WOOF
PAPI STARTED A TOTAL RUCKUS WHEN HE SAW ANOTHER DOG...
WOOF
WOOF
ACTUALLY, ONCE WHEN I WAS WALKING HIM...


EXCUSE ME, IS THAT A PAPILLON?
Very forward
AND THAT DOG WAS DOING THE SAME THING.
LET'S GO.
THE GUY AT THE PET SHOP SAID "I PICKED YOU OUT A NICE ONE!" AND HAPPILY HANDED HIM OVER
Careful, if you take your eye off him, someone'll take him
IT'S THE WAY OF DOING PARENTS TO SELF-CONSCIOUSLY PUT THINGS IN A DIPLOMATIC WAY.
BUT MY DARLING IS REALLY THE GORGEOUS ONE.
YOU HAVE A PAPILLON TOO? OH, THAT GORGEOUS ONE I'VE SEEN! I KNEW HE WAS A PAPILLON.
WELL, I'VE ONLY EVER SEEN YOUR TYPE OF PAPILLON IN A MAGAZINE, SO ACTUALLY SEEING ONE WAS A BIT OF A SHOCK!


I DREW THE IMAGE FOR THE SHIRT MYSELF, LIKE ONE OF THOSE HOPELESSLY LOST MOMS
Papillon
YOUR MOM WAS WEARING A SWEATER WITH A PAPILLON ON IT, TOO
I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU GOT THAT MADE
THAT SWEATER I'D BOUGHT MUST REALLY HAVE GIVEN OFF A "DOG FANATIC" VIBE.

Papi Photos (all over the house)
Papillon potpourri dolls.
WHAT'S MORE, I EVEN PAPI-IZED THE HOUSE.
Totally the Little Prince



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FREETALK 3

Papi's got this weird circulatory condition in which he gets dizzy. It can be controlled with medication, but it isn't completely gone, and he has a hard time under the sun. I want him to feel well as soon as possible every morning so we can have another happy Papi episode with your dog fanatic for you.

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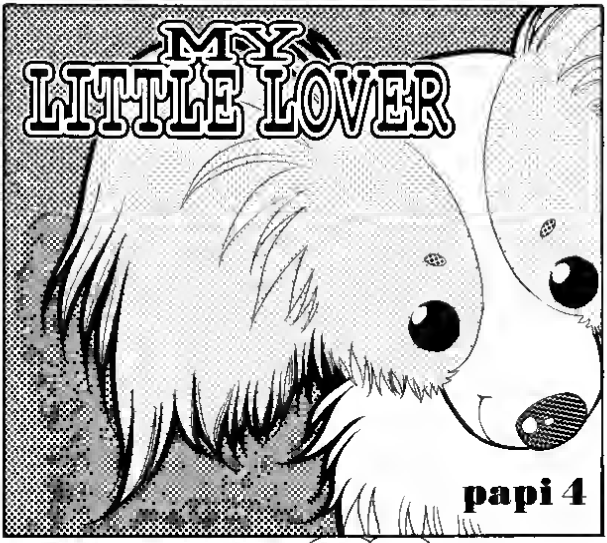


PAPI BECAME SICK THIS SUMMER AND SO I VISITED OUR VETERINARIAN TO TAKE A LOOK AT HIM. HOWEVER...

JUST THINK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD!

IN THE FACE OF WHAT'S HAPPENED, THIS IS NOTHING AT ALL!

I DON'T MIND THINKING ABOUT IT, BUT I'D RATHER HAVE HIM TELL ME STRAIGHT UP WHAT PAPI'S SICKNESS IS

Dizzy...

AND SO I ASKED SOMEONE TO INTRODUCE ME TO A NEW VETERINARIAN

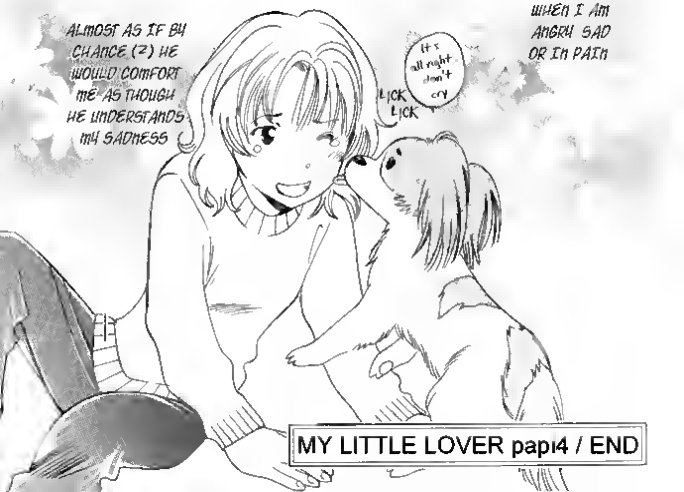
THE RESULT OF THE CHECKUP SHOWED THAT HE HAD AN ILLNESS CAUSING HIM TO HAVE HIGH BLOOD CONCENTRATIONS OF AMMONIA
WHIMPER WHIMPER WHIMPER WHIMPER WHIMPER
SORRY FOR THE NOISE
THE NEW HOSPITAL IS QUITE FAR SO I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE A TAXI
IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE'S DEAD DRUNK
HIC
WEE
SAKE
BECAUSE OF THIS CONDITION
So ANNOYING!
PLEASE ?
NOO
NOO
NOO
I LIKE HIS MASTER IT TURNED OUT PAPI DIDN'T MUCH LIKE SWEETS
DRINK IT PLEASE ?
NOO
NORMALLY DOGS WOULD LOVE SWEET SMELL LIKE THIS HOWEVER
HERE PAPI THIS IS TASTY!
drop
THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN DAILY TO GET RID OF THE AMMONIA IN HIS BODY
THE MEDICINE IS REALLY SWEET AND TASTES LIKE DILUTED SUGAR STARCH

VICTIM NO. 2
CHIEF ASST
M. OKA
VICTIM NO. 1
MOTHER
GROWL
If I said I don't
want it then
that means
I don't!!
GROWL
GYAA!!
GROWL
THEY
SHOULD
LEARN TO
BE MORE
CALMOUS
LIKE ME!
HA
HA
HA
THOSE TWO
ARE SUCH
CLUTZES
restrained →
with a towel
squirt
AND THIS
IS HOW I
MADE HIM
DRINK HIS
MEDICINE
EVERY DAY
HERE,
PAPI~
♡
VICTIM NO. 3
HIGURI

RE
FRESHED
SO WHEN SUMMER ENDED...
His favorite plushie, Chobi No. 10
depressed
AH!
Hmm I see
Yes, indeed
Ahaha
You see...
MID-WEAR CAME AND PAPI BECAME HARD TO PLEASE HOWEVER
WE ALSO BECAME MUCH MORE SPOILED
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR CONCERN
His recovery wouldn't have been possible if not for his regular dose of medicine
EVEN DURING MEALS HE WOULD SIT ON MY LAP TO CHECK WHAT'S UP
my dinner
This is...
HU-MAN
DOG
HU-MAN
HU-MAN
WE WOULD NOTICE HIM SITTING RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR CONVERSATION

STRANGE... U4 ENOUGH -

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I SELF-INDULGINGLY TELL PAPI ABOUT M4 OWN THOUGHTS
Feeling Days by Kaori Ozaki
HUHU... THIS MANGA REALLY BROUGHT ME TO TEARS...
NOD


ALMOST AS IF BY CHANCE (?) HE WOULD COMFORT ME AS THOUGH HE UNDERSTANDS M4 SADNESS
It's all right don't cry
LICK LICK
In TIMES WHEN I Am ANGRY SAD OR In PAIn
MY LITTLE LOVER papi4 / END

FREETALK 4

Papi has recovered, so I was relieved. (although I still have worries for the next summer) I also bought 10 of Papi's favorite Chobi plushie, just in case it goes out of production, though two of them wound up in his dog dish I wonder if I can sell the other ones?

FREETALK 4 / END

MY LITTLE LOVER

LATELY HE'S GROWN FAT

poof poof

Meat Bun

papi 5

YOU THREE-SISTABLE PAPA
tickles
Well okay
OH HO HO
SLIDE SLIDE
I WENT TO BED OUT OF MY OWN WILL.
THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL A WINTER PARADISE JUST AS I IMAGINED IT TO BE
I GROW WEAK WHEN HE STARTS ACTING THIS WAY!!
You're going to sleep, right?
You're still not
The way he tilts his head goes straight to me
H-Heavy
HEE HAWW
THUNK
H-HE HAS BECOME FATTER THAN BEFORE...
Present food
Low protein dry food
THE AMOUNT OF FOOD PAPI EATS HAS ALSO IN-CREASED
What happened?
PLEASE PUT THE PAD ON ME.

chomp
chomp
SCARF AS I THOUGHT...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR TO EAT...
DASH
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
AND ALSO LATELY
bite
WHEN PAPI WAS LITTLE HE COULD EARELY EAT MUCH FOOD
FOR HIS APPETITE TO HAVE IN-CREASED LIKE THIS IT'S REALLY SCARY!
Here's a beef jerky!
Eh?
THAT'S THE WAY, GO FINISH YOUR FOOD
WHAT A FAMILIAR GESTURE...
CLONK
CLONK
CLONK
CLONK
!?
More food! Fear!
CLONK
CLONK

THIS SOUND SIGNIFIES THAT HE WANTS SOMETHING DONE FOR HIM
Yes, madam
Kurr—ing
I must be the maid then, hahaha!
SEEMS LIKE A WOMAN OF NOBILITY OR RATHER A FRENCH DOG IN THIS CASE
CLONK
CLONK
CLONK
CLONK
CLONK
CLONK
I get it. I get it, I'll go get some now
HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH FOOD ALREADY?
Here you go, Master Dog
CREAK
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT BOW TO WHAT HE WANTS
walk walk
WITH THE MOTIVE OF GETTING SOMEONE DO HIM A FAVOR
AFTER MAKING THIS GESTURE HE WOULD LOOK AT ANYBODY WHO WAS AROUND AND STARE...
stare
PAPI CONVENIENTLY DOES THIS GESTURE FOR OTHER THINGS TOO
KNOCK KNOCK

HE ALSO HAS SOME GESTURE FOR MAKING ME RETRIEVE HIS FAVORITE CHOBI PLUSHIE WHENEVER IT GETS STUCK IN THE BED NOOK
donk donk
glass
bed
IT'S BOTHERSOME FOR HIM TO JUMP INTO BED BECAUSE OF THE FUTON SO HE SIGNALS ME TO PICK HIM UP
SCRATCH SCRATCH
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT ENOUGH WITH THAT
HE WOULD CONTINUE ON MAKING THAT SCREECHING SOUND UNTIL I RETRIEVE HIS PLUSHIE
SQUEEZE SQUEEZE
IT IS AS IF ENJOYING SEEING ME RETRIEVE HIS PLUSHIE
THE MOMENT I START TO WALK AWAY, HOWEVER HE WOULD ONCE AGAIN DROP HIS CHOBI PLUSHIE IN THE NOOK...

MY LITTLE LOVER papi5 / END

FREETALK 5

PAINYAN KISS
SOME TIME AGO JUST WHEN I THOUGHT OF KISSING PAINYAN*...
HE BIT ME HARD
*PAINYAN IS PAN'S PET NAME
FOR SOME REASON WHEN I TOLD MY STAFF THAT MY LIPS BECAME LIKE IKARIYA CHOUSUKE'S* BECAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT I FELT ASHAMED OF SHARING IT WITH THE MALE STAFF
OH, IS THAT SO? HAHAHA...
*IKARIYA CHOUSUKE WAS A FAMOUS JAPANESE ACTOR WHOSE TRADEMARK INCLUDED THAT OF HIS SORT OF POUTY LIPS WHICH LOOKED AS IF IT WAS BITTEN

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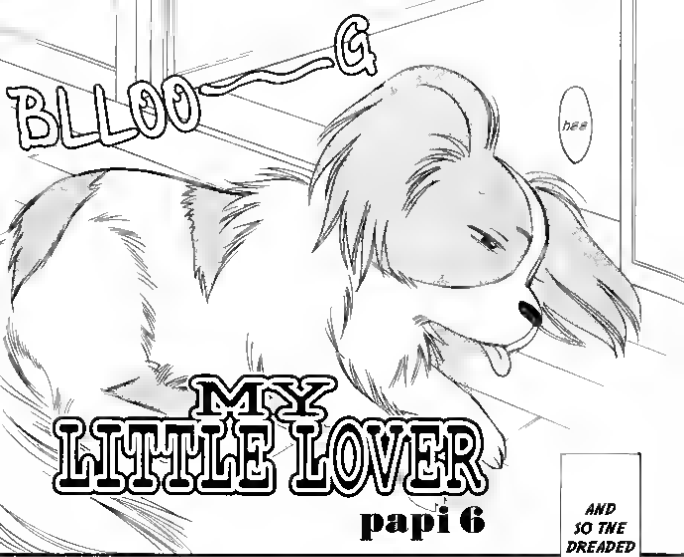

MY LITTLE LOVER

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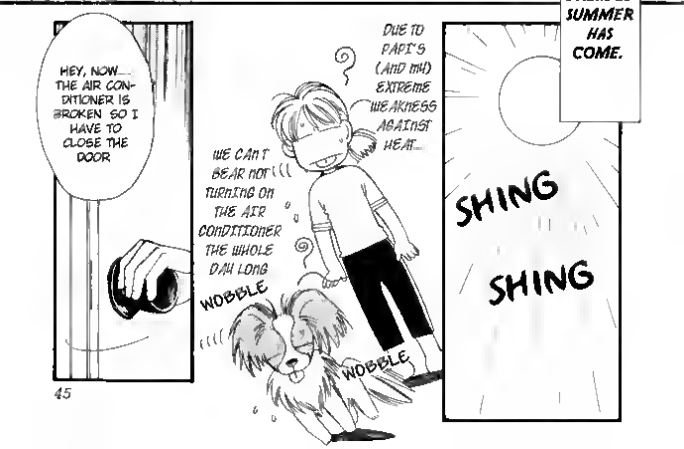
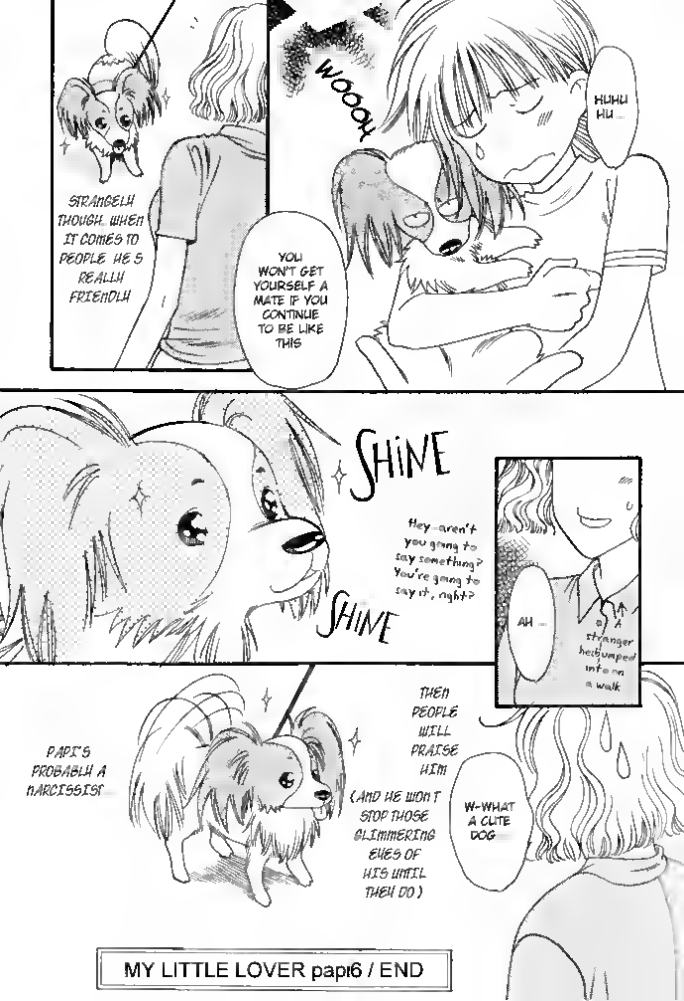

AND SO THE DREADED SUMMER HAS COME.
SHING
SHING
DUE TO PAPI'S (AND MY) EXTREME WEAKNESS AGAINST HEAT...
WE CAN'T BEAR NOT TURNING ON THE AIR CONDITIONER THE WHOLE DAY LONG
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
HEY, NOW... THE AIR CONDITIONER IS BROKEN SO I HAVE TO CLOSE THE DOOR

BUT FOR SOME REASON HE WANTS THE DOOR TO BE HALF-OPEN...
scratch
scratch
STARE
STARE
I'm letting you take charge of the
COME ON, NOW
I GET IT AL-READY
PHEWW
HE'S BLOCK-ING THE WAY...!
Sound
HEY, MOVE ASIDE I'M GOING TO THE TOILET!
HOWEVER...

SNNNN
ZZZZZ
SNNNN
WHILE PAPI IS LOUDLY SNORING IN HIS SLEEP
OUR JOB CONTINUES UP UNTIL MIDNIGHT DURING THE CRUCIAL PHASE...
OKAY!
OKAY, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO LEAVE
move
move
wobble
wobble
SNORE
There is a little white around his eyes
Tongue is showing a little
SCARY
What to do... we can't get out
My, oh my
ZZZZ
twitch
This is supposedly where his brains.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE THREE OF THEM RAN INTO EACH OTHER BY CHANCE
woof
woof
woof
woof
AND JUST AS I IMAGINED,
A FRIENDLY BLACK-AND-WHITE MALE PAPILLON WAS ALSO IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
RECENTLY A CUTE FEMALE PAPILLON CAME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD
GROWL
BARK
GROWL
BARK
GROWLED AT BOTH OF THEM.
HE HAS ZERO PERCENT DOG-SOCIABILITY.
No Abh...
No Stop that!
BLACK-AND-WHITE WAS ALWAYS FRIENDLY
AND AGGRESSIVE WHEN IT COMES TO FEMALES
AND THEN PAPI


WOOOF
HUHU HU...
STRANGELY THOUGH, WHEN IT COMES TO PEOPLE HE'S REALLY FRIENDLY
YOU WON'T GET YOURSELF A MATE IF YOU CONTINUE TO BE LIKE THIS
SHINE
SHINE
Hey--aren't you going to say something? You're going to say it, right?
AH...
A stranger bumped into on a walk
PAPI'S PROBABLY A NARCISSIST
(AND HE WON'T STOP THOSE GLIMMERING EYES OF HIS UNTIL THEY DO)
THEN PEOPLE WILL PRAISE HIM
W-WHAT A CUTE DOG...
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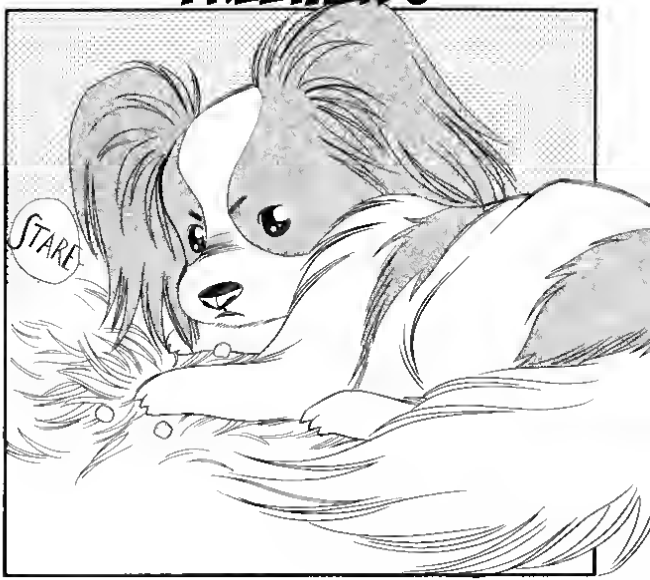
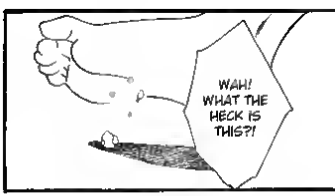


Papi likes to stay on the wool carpet under the table. Whenever he becomes slightly hungry, he seems to enjoy digging up the food he hid under that carpet. There are times when I suddenly step on those—



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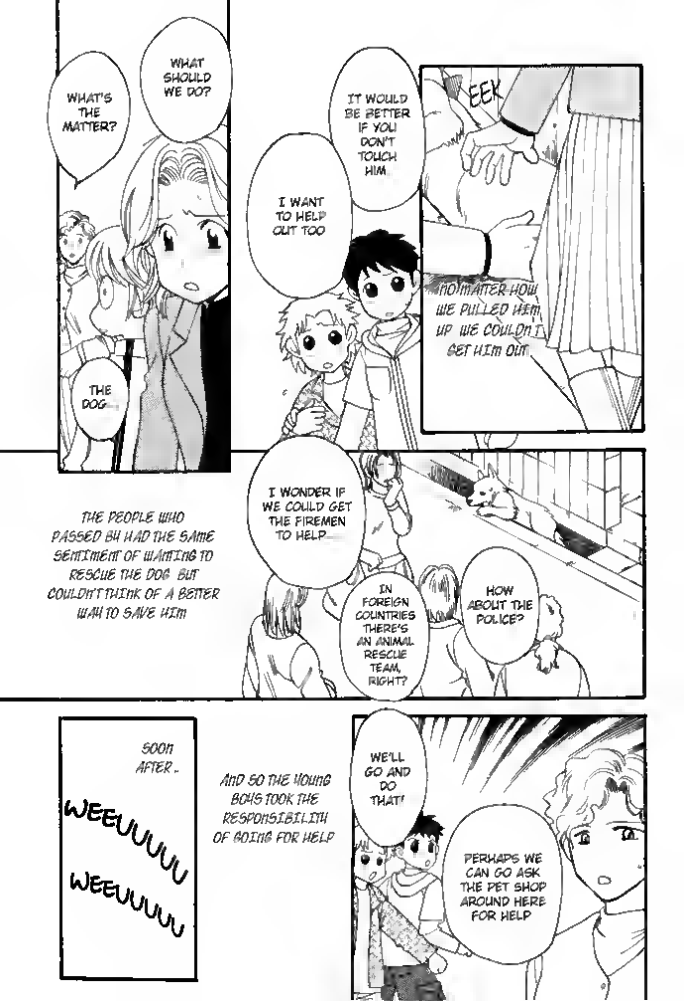
PAPI'S BODY WAS REALLY WEAK EVER SINCE HE WAS LITTLE
HE'S HAD DIFFERENT KINDS OF DISEASES ALREADY.
FIRST OF ALL,
Nice to meet you!
WHEN HIS FACE GOT CLOSE TO MINE FOR THE FIRST TIME
HE CAUGHT KENNEL COUGH (DOG'S COLD)...
ACHOO

DIZZY
TREMBLE
ONE TIME WHEN I TOOK HIM TO THE VETERINARY CLINIC
THEY SAID HE HAD AN IRREGULAR PULSE
TREMBLE
THEY ALSO SAID HIS LIVER
WAS THREE TIMES AS BIG AS THE LIVER OF A NORMAL DOG
THEN HE ALSO HAD A PORTOSYSTEMIC SHUNT WHICH WAS A PUZZLING DISEASE TO ME.
DIZZY
AND NOW HE'S ON THE VERGE OF HAVING YET ANOTHER KIND OF DISEASE
HE'S NOW LYING IN BED
Nnn
Nnn
AS HIS OWNER I PRAY FOR NOTHING ELSE BUT HIS WELLNESS
Nnn
Nnn
UNEASY
UNEASY

I SEE A VARIETY OF ANIMALS IN THE CLINIC'S WAITING ROOM
I'VE BEEN VISITING THE CLINIC ALMOST EVERY DAY
CLACK
1560 YEN
Eh?! The meter went up just when the car hit the break!
I ALWAYS RIDE THE TAXI BECAUSE IT'S SAFER
Wallet
Thank you for your patronage
VROOM
BIG
MINISCULE
MEOW
MEOW
What's that big bag? Hyou's Child?
Hmm looks like the shy type
UGH
twip
body noise
fidget
COME NOW STOP DOING THAT
SEEING SUCH A BIG CAT AND BIG DOG SEEMS TO HAVE QUITE AN EFFECT ON HIM.
UGH
huff huff

THERE'S ALWAYS THIS STRAY DOG
NEAR THE TRAIN STATION
THEY ALL SEEM TO BE LOVED BY THEIR OWNERS
THIS ONE
THANK GOODNESS..
AND THIS ONE TOO
I JUST IGNORE HIM AND PASS BY BUT THEN HE WOULD FOLLOW ME
THE DOG DOESN'T MAKE ANY NOISE AND SIMPLY GAZES WITH GLITTERING EYES
HUFF HUFF
IT WAS THAT DOG
AND IS IN BIG TROUBLE
SEEMS TO BE STUCK IN THE GUTTER
THE DOG
ONE TIME I SAW A COUPLE OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS NEAR THE STREET GUTTER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?


WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
THE DOG...
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU DON'T TOUCH HIM.
I WANT TO HELP OUT TOO
EEK
NO MATTER HOW WE PULLED HIM UP WE COULDN'T GET HIM OUT
THE PEOPLE WHO PASSED BY HAD THE SAME SENTIMENT OF WANTING TO RESCUE THE DOG BUT COULDN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO SAVE HIM
I WONDER IF WE COULD GET THE FIREMEN TO HELP...
IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES THERE'S AN ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM, RIGHT?
HOW ABOUT THE POLICE?
SOON AFTER..
WEEUUUUU
WEEUUUUU
AND SO THE YOUNG BOYS TOOK THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOING FOR HELP
WE'LL GO AND DO THAT!
PERHAPS WE CAN GO ASK THE PET SHOP AROUND HERE FOR HELP

APPEARS
WEEUUUU
WEEUUUUUU
THEN CAME WITH THE PATROL CAR AS WELL AS A POLICEMAN ON MOTORCYCLE
THEY'VE COME BACK!
THERE!
OOOH!
THEY DID IT!
THEN THEY FINALLY PULLED HIM UP
FINALLY!
OR SO WE THOUGHT
That's the way!
He's halfway there!
Ah! Just a little more!
Ouch
WHIMPER
THE PATROL OFFICER..
STARTED TO PULL THE DOG OUT
DESPITE MYSELF I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK THEY WERE KIND OF CUTE!
WAH!
THE MOMENT HE LET GO OF HIS PAW HE FLIPPED BACK TO THE GUTTER
AHH!!!

THEN THE WOMAN BESIDE ME SAID
HIS LEG SEEMS TO BE BROKEN TOO. I WONDER WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO WITH THE DOG?
BUT THAT DOG DOESN'T HAVE A COLLAR
THE PATROLMAN TOOK THE DOG INTO HIS CAR...
HE SEEMED TO BE SUFFERING AS IF UNABLE TO WALK BY HIMSELF
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
AFTER MUCH STRUGGLE, THEN MANAGED TO SAVE THE DOG...
AH! HE'S GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AFTER THAT.
THE DOG WHO WALKS AT NIGHT LONGING FOR SOME LOVE...
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S BETTER NOW THAT SOMEONE WOULD ADOPT HIM?
IT CAN'T BE HELPED... HE WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM THE WINTER, ANYWAY.
BUT THIS IS ALL I CAN DO FOR THEM.
I KNOW IT'S NOT MUCH.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
GIVE THESE ABANDONED ANIMALS A CHANCE TO LIVE
SAVE LIVES
CLINK
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FREETALK 7

Just before I handed in this chapter, for whatever reason, he seemed to have had some stomach sickness that wouldn't let him eat or poop. He would painfully vomit five times a day and so of course, I wanted this to be resolved and for him to get better.

And then... One day as I was chasing him in the garden, he took a huge dump! Boy was I relieved!

Afterwards, I gave him food and he gobbled it up. What an amazing recovery!

The lives of animals are really a wonder, aren't they? Papi still hasn't fully recovered yet, though he's been quite lively. Sorry for worrying you guys.

FREETALK 7 / END

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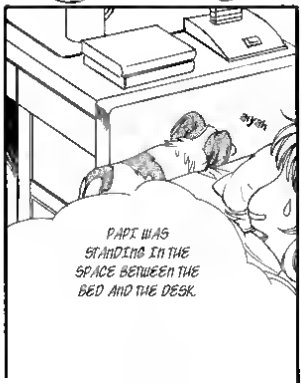
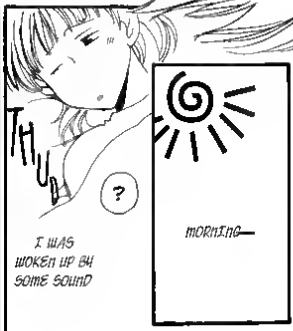
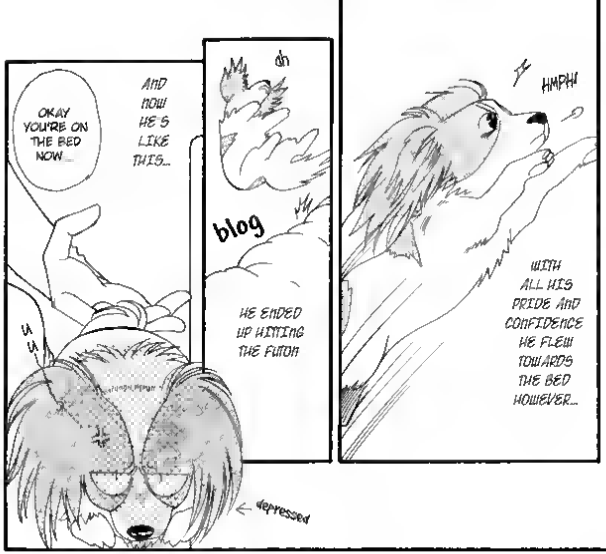
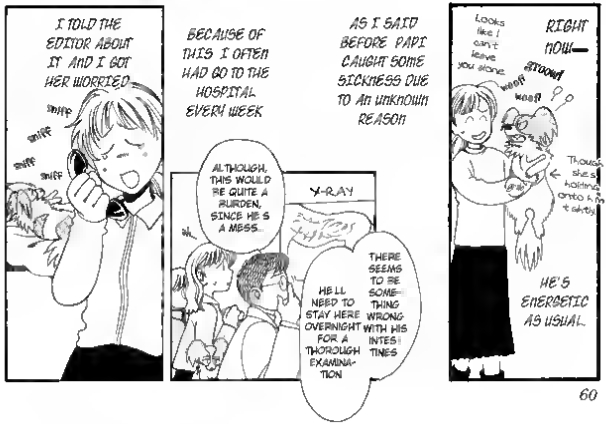
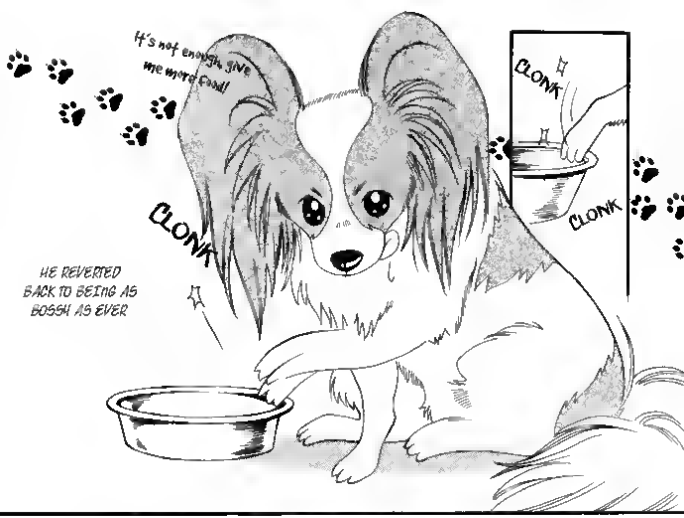





OKAY YOU'RE ON THE BED NOW...
AND NOW HE'S LIKE THIS...
blog
HE ENDED UP HITTING THE FUTON
HMPH!
WITH ALL HIS PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE HE FLEW TOWARDS THE BED HOWEVER...
depressed

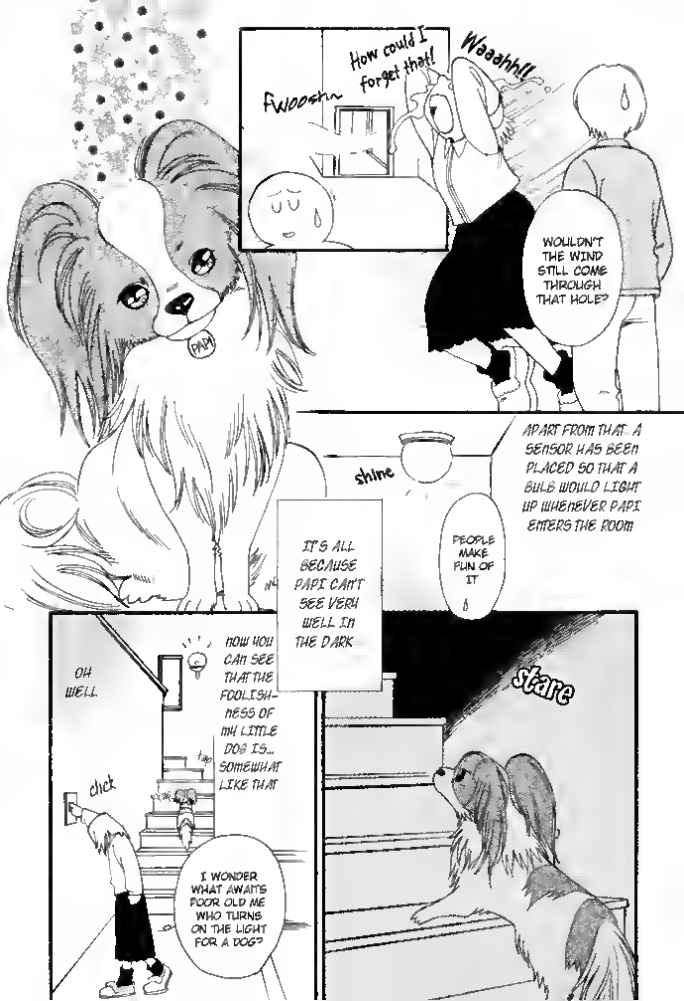

I TOLD THE EDITOR ABOUT IT AND I GOT HER WORRIED
BECAUSE OF THIS I OFTEN HAD GO TO THE HOSPITAL EVERY WEEK
AS I SAID BEFORE PAPI CAUGHT SOME SICKNESS DUE TO AN UNKNOWN REASON
ALTHOUGH, THIS WOULD BE QUITE A BURDEN, SINCE HE'S A MESS...
X-RAY
HE'LL NEED TO STAY HERE OVERNIGHT FOR A THOROUGH EXAMINATION
THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIS INTESTINES
RIGHT NOW—
Looks like I can't leave you alone.
HE'S ENERGETIC AS USUAL.

PAPI'S DIGESTION ISN'T GOOD. THAT'S WHY HE CAN'T DEFECATE. HE ALSO CAN'T EAT. AND JUST SLEEPS ALL DAY.
AND THEN ON THAT ONE DAY
HEY, COME TO THE GARDEN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THERE WAS SOME POOP LEFT OUT HERE JUST NOW...
HEAVY
THAT'S HUGE. MUST BE FROM A STRAY CAT AGAIN, HUH?
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT TOO, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE THE RIGHT SMELL
※ WEIRD FATHER AND DAUGHTER, HAVING SUCH IMMENSE KNOWLEDGE REGARDING FECES
(Sorry for the people who are eating at the moment)
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
LET ME SEE
SNIFF
WELL? DOESN'T IT SMELL LIKE PAPI'S DOG FOOD?
GRADUALLY RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO HIS LIVELY STATE
CHOMP
CHOMP
AND SO PAPI—
FWIP
FWIP
IT SURE IS PAPI'S, THOUGH I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO GO


It's not enough, give me more food!
CLONK
CLONK
CLONK
HE REVERTED BACK TO BEING AS BOSSY AS EVER

SINCE PAPI IS A NERVOUS WRECK, THE HOUSE WAS RENOVATED TO PREVENT HIM FROM BEING INSECURE
I can't help but get worried from now on.
Woof
Woof
Upon seeing his beloved home
OUR HOUSE IS BEING RENOVATED
I want to expand this area.
Okay then.
Planning the project
SPEAKING OF WHICH, AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS SUMMER,
WHENEVER IT BECAME HOT EACH YEAR, PAPI WOULD FALL SICK
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T HELP BUT WORRY ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO HIM THIS YEAR

THOUGH, WE CAN'T SEEM TO MAKE HIM DO IT.
AND REGARDING WHAT WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE ENGINEER
PAPI! CLOSE THE DOOR WHENEVER YOU OPEN IT!
F-WOOSH
IS WHAT EVERY ONE HAS BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO SAYING
IN OUR WORKING AREA ASHI-SAN ENDED UP BEING GIVEN THE TASK OF OPENING AND CLOSING THE DOOR WHENEVER PAPI GOES IN AND OUT OF THE ROOM
creek
(In construction)
LIVING ROOM
WORKING AREA
OH, PAPI!
walk walk
Amazing isn't it?
walk walk
OUR WORKING AREA NOW HAS A "DOG DOOR" WHERE PAPI CAN ENTER AND LEAVE.
Yes!
Corridor
HM?
BY THE WAY...


fwoosh~
How could I forget that!
Waaahh!!
WOULDN'T THE WIND STILL COME THROUGH THAT HOLE?
PAPI
APART FROM THAT, A SENSOR HAS BEEN PLACED SO THAT A BULB WOULD LIGHT UP WHENEVER PAPI ENTERS THE ROOM
shine
PEOPLE MAKE FUN OF IT
IT'S ALL BECAUSE PAPI CAN'T SEE VERY WELL IN THE DARK
stare
HOW YOU CAN SEE THAT THE FOOLISHNESS OF MY LITTLE DOG IS... SOMEWHAT LIKE THAT
OH WELL
click
I WONDER WHAT AWAITS POOR OLD ME WHO TURNS ON THE LIGHT FOR A DOG?

WHEN PAPI LOOKS LIKE THIS
ZZZ
ZZZ...
twitch
BUT YOU KNOW
OR LIKE THIS
OR THIS
...?
THIS POSITION IS CALLED "OCHIKEN"
ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP~?
Pai-chan kiss
I TOTALLY LOVE HIM DESPITE HIS STUPIDITY AND WHATSOEVER
JUST LOOKING AT HIM MAKES ME FEEL SO HAPPY
NO MATTER HOW HEART-LESS HE MAY BE... ♫
lyrics from an enka*
AH -
TURN
*A TRADITIONAL TYPE OF JAPANESE MUSIC.
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FREETALK 8

The other day, Papi spilt miso soup while drinking on my lap

I didn't want to feed him like that this time since his back still was that miso stench

To think that this burger still has its savory scent as it just came from the stove

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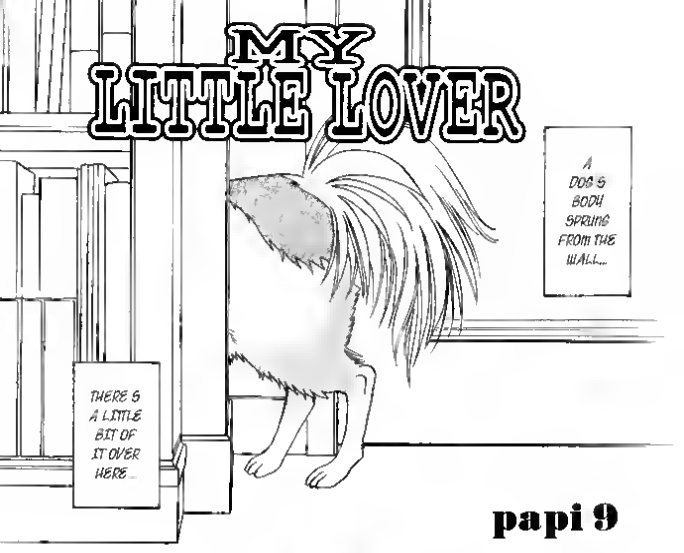

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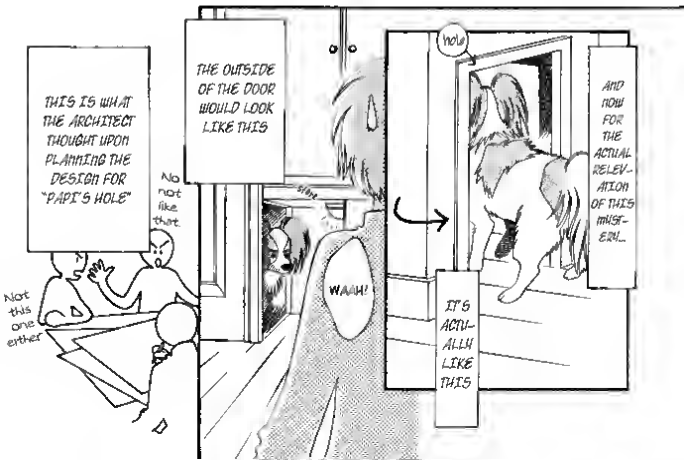
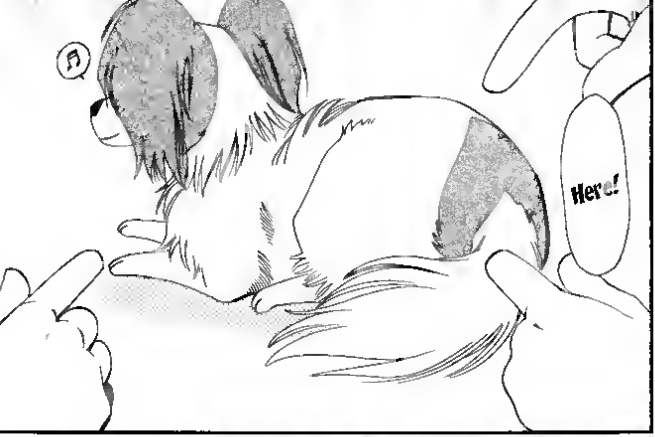

THIS IS WHAT THE ARCHITECT THOUGHT UPON PLANNING THE DESIGN FOR "PAPI'S HOLE"
No not like that
Not this one either
THE OUTSIDE OF THE DOOR WOULD LOOK LIKE THIS
WAAH!
Now
AND NOW FOR THE ACTUAL RELEVATION OF THIS MISERU...
IT'S ACTUALLY LIKE THIS

AND SO THE HOUSE HAS BEEN REMADE
Dog crazy
I'VE BEEN DOING THIS WORK FOR QUITE SOME NOW, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE SEEN THIS BEING DONE FOR THE SAKE OF A DOG.
eeh-h
THE LIGHTS BRIGHTEN UP WHEN PAPI PASSES THROUGH
D-DON'T YOU THINK IT'S GOOD
IT'S CONVE-NIENT
AND SO THIS IS WHAT THE ELECTRI-CIAN SAID..
PAPI WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR THE FIRST TIME (THOUGH HE WAS RELEASED THAT SAME DAY)
my sight is whirling~
SO MUCH THAT THIS HEAD WAS BEEN FILLED WITH AMMONIA
IT SEEMS THAT MOVING TO THE NEW HOUSE WAS A HUGE STRESS FOR PAPI
AFTER THAT...
EH?
BLUSH
SORRY FOR LETTING PEOPLE SEE THIS EMBARR-ASSING SITUATION.
having to restrain him since he's in a race
THANKS TO CAREFULLY GIVING HIM MEDICINE EACH AND EVERY DAY HE WAS ABLE TO GET WELL AGAIN

HOW-EVER, HE HAS BECOME FIEND-ISH
It's just about time now
HERE'S YOUR MEDICINE, PAPI—
teeth teeth
block
block
block
glued to the wall
HEY NOW
HERE YOU GO, SAY HI TO YOUR CHOBI
favorite stuffed toy
twitch
twitch
HERE, LITTLE CHOBI CHOBI

shine
soar
FU FU FU
yasp
I AM THY BEAUTIFUL HUNTER!
THIS IS FOR YOUR WELL BEING, SO BEAR WITH IT FOR A LITTLE LONGER, OK?
happy
YUCK...
Was finally able to make him drink
my goodey due to the medicine
In the middle of work
I HEARD IT COME FROM OVER THERE
WHO'S THE CULPRIT THAT FARTED?
NOT ME
EH?
fart
I HATE TO SAY THIS SINCE IT'S KINDA GROSS BUT DUE TO THE MEDICINE...
THIS MEDICINE IS TO MAKE HIS STOMACH FUNCTION PROPERLY



younger years

present day

THE WHITE AREA AROUND HIS EYES HAS GOTTEN LARGER, AND HIS FURRY EARS HAVE GOTTEN SHORTER.

DESPITE HIS SIZE PAPI'S FART SOUNDS LIKE THAT OF A GROWNUP MAN

PAPI IS EIGHT YEARS OLD WHICH WOULD BE CONSIDERED LIKE A MAN IN HIS PRIME

ZZZ
NO OTHER WORD BESIDES "BEAUTIFUL" COULD BEST DESCRIBE THE WAY HE LOOKS AS HE SLEEPS ON MY MOTHER'S HANDMADE PILLOW HOWEVER...
DEPICTED AS A PERSON HE WOULD LOOK LIKE THIS... (I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT)
White hairs are also starting to come out
brush
brush
My looks like my hair was been getting thinner lately...
fart
Even the flowers were blown off
FART
GACK-!
Goodness... Enough already.
MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES FOR TALKING ABOUT SUCH A VULGAR TOPIC...
PAPI SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN USED TO THE NEW HOUSE BUT...
HE STILL DOESN'T WANT TO HANG AROUND OTHER PLACES IN THE HOUSE BEYOND HIS 2ND FLOOR TERRITORY
Acts as if he owns the house
straddle straddle straddle

MY LITTLE LOVER papi9 / END

FREETALK 9

Papi still can't remember where our house is...

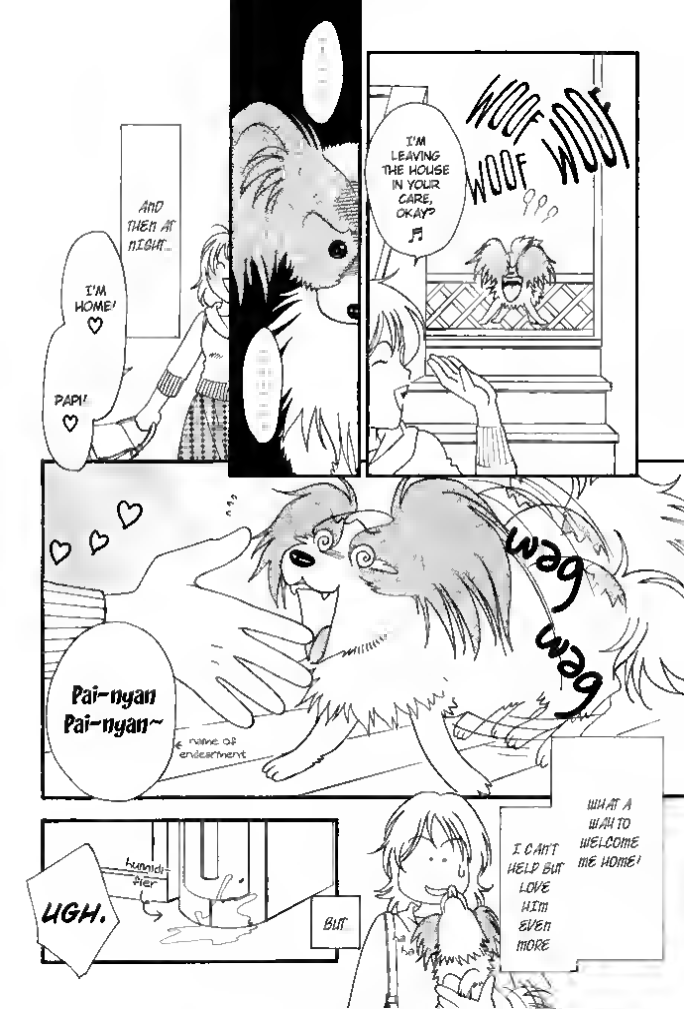
With this lack of sense of direction, he's going to end up being a lost and wandering dog—

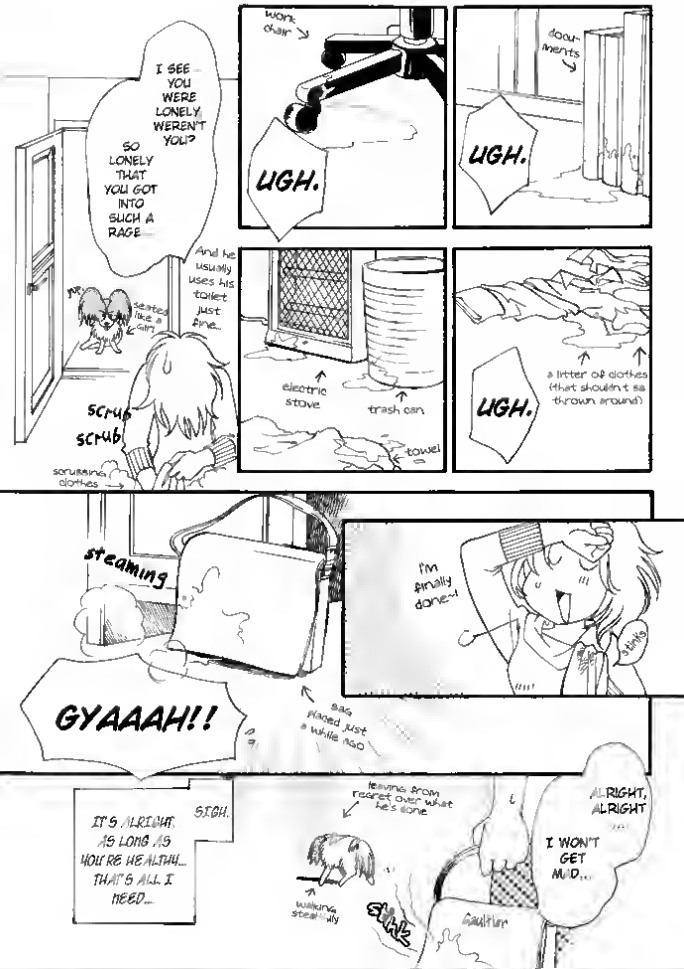
FREETALK 9/END

MY LITTLE LOVER

papi 10

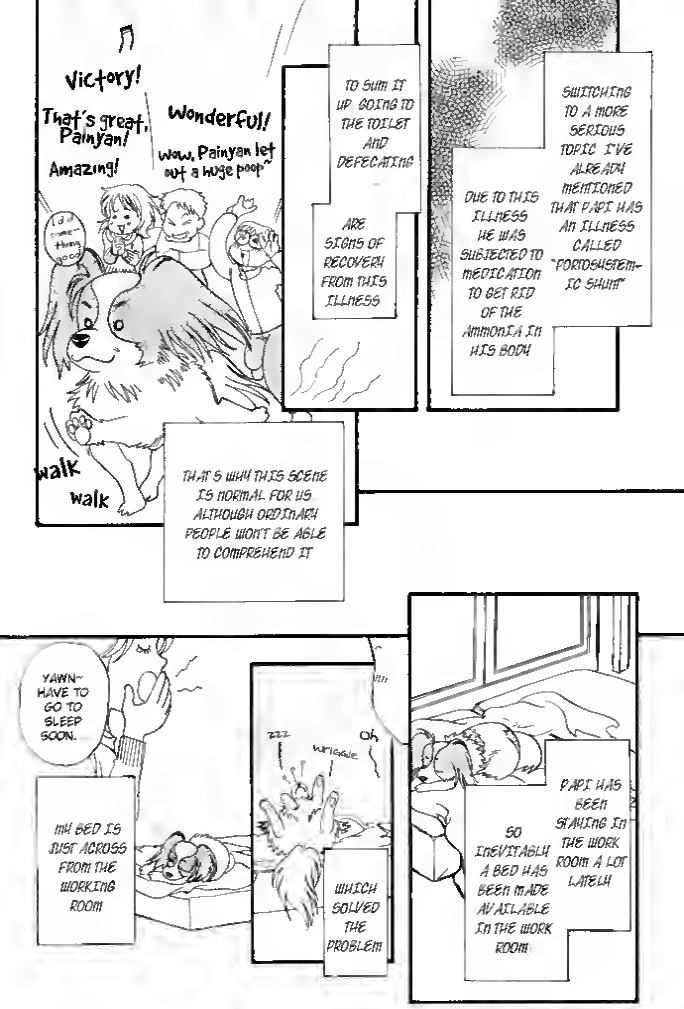
PUTCH
bam
wham
I wonder where my wallet is.
My cell phone too
walk walk walk walk
step step
thump thump
My bag should be over here.
PAPI HAS HAD MORE SENSE LATELY
SURPRISINGLY PAPI HAS BEEN ABLE TO SENSE WHEN I AM ABOUT TO LEAVE


AND THEN AT NIGHT...
I'M HOME! ♡
PAPI ♡
I'M LEAVING THE HOUSE IN YOUR CARE, OKAY? ♬
WOOF WOOF WOOF
wag wag wag
Pai-nyan Pai-nyan~
name or endearment
UGH.
humidifier
BUT
I CAN'T HELP BUT LOVE HIM EVEN MORE
WHAT A WAY TO WELCOME ME HOME!


work chair
documents
UGH.
UGH.
I SEE YOU WERE LONELY, WEREN'T YOU?
SO LONELY THAT YOU GOT INTO SUCH A RAGE...
And he usually uses his toilet just fine...
seated like a lady
scrub scrub
scrubbing clothes
electric stove
trash can
towel
UGH.
a litter of clothes (that shouldn't be thrown around)
steaming
I'm finally done~!
sighs
GYAAAH!!
sag placed just a while ago
SIGH.
IT'S ALRIGHT AS LONG AS YOU'RE HEALTHY... THAT'S ALL I NEED...
leaving from regret over what he's done
walking steadily
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT
I WON'T GET MAD...
Gaultier
Stink

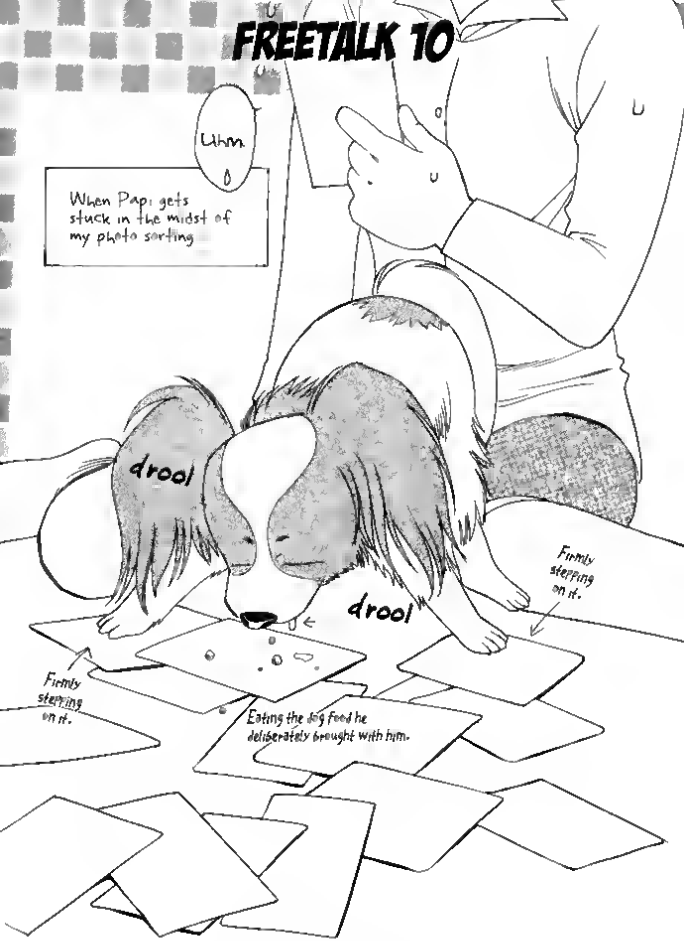
I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT PAPI'S RECENT CRUDE BEHAVIOR WAS SIMPLY DUE TO THE COLD WEATHER
SHHH...
SWORE
Around
TOILET
I SEE PAPI MUST BE ONE OF THOSE DOGS!
HE MUST BE REALLY UNEASY WHEN I'M NOT AROUND!
WHERE THESE DOGS ENTER A STATE OF DEPRESSION AS A RESULT OF THIS ANXIETY
I'VE SEEN A FEATURE ON TV ABOUT DOGS HAVING SEPARATION ANXIETY DISORDER
ASHI-SAN WHO WAS HEADING TO THE BATHROOM WALKED A TWISTED PATH THROUGH THE HALLWAY
IT SEEMS THAT THE HALLWAY WAS FILLED WITH SMALL FECES
AH
ONE DAY AT WORK
WE JOKED ABOUT IT AND HOPED THAT IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN... HOWEVER
...!
!!!
trap
the real thing
SQUISH
MUST NOT STEP ON IT...
Here we go.

TOILET
AH... LOOKS LIKE HE FAILED TO REACH THE BATHROOM IN TIME AGAIN
HOW-EVER...
hi— hi hi hi...
HIGURI WITH A DEVILISH LAUGH
ASHI-SAN HAS ONLY BEEN HERE TWO TIMES
AND YET SHE'S ALWAYS HAD BAD EXPERI-ENCES IN HER STAY HERE
kyuu
I think it's a good time to get you come to my house. Well, start aside.
HAVE TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS LATER~
geez
whoopsy
SQUISH
Looks like my trap was a success.
GRIN
THIS IS NOT FUNNY ANYMORE
THIS TIME IT'S HIGURI-SAN WHO FELL FOR THE TRAP
Right on the spot.
SHE STEP-PED ON IT
FU FU FU
trap
real


Victory!
That's great, Painyan!
Amazing!
Wonderful!
Wow, Painyan let out a huge poop~
I'd come this good
walk
walk
TO SUM IT UP GOING TO THE TOILET AND DEFECATING ARE SIGNS OF RECOVERY FROM THIS ILLNESS
DUE TO THIS ILLNESS HE WAS SUBJECTED TO MEDICATION TO GET RID OF THE AMMONIA IN HIS BODY
SWITCHING TO A MORE SERIOUS TOPIC I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED THAT PAPI WAS AN ILLNESS CALLED "PORTOSYSTEMIC SHUNT"
THAT'S WHY THIS SCENE IS NORMAL FOR US ALTHOUGH ORDINARY PEOPLE WON'T BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND IT
YAWN~ HAVE TO GO TO SLEEP SOON.
MY BED IS JUST ACROSS FROM THE WORKING ROOM
ZZZ
WRIGGLE
Oh
WHICH SOLVED THE PROBLEM
SO INEVITABLY A BED WAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE IN THE WORK ROOM
PAPI WAS BEEN SLEEPING IN THE WORK ROOM A LOT LATELY

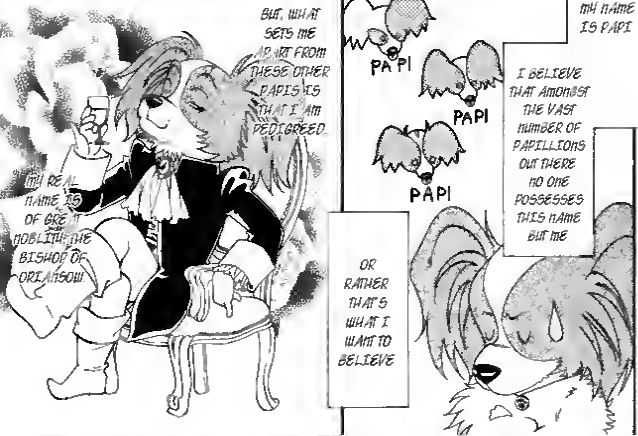
AH
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
jump
LET'S GO TO SLEEP TOGETHER, OKAY? ♫
I TAKE PAPI WITH ME..
AND WALK DOWN THE COLD HALLWAY
Shaken out of bed
Papi, come back~
I'm leaving
A living thing!
BUT PERHAPS STAYING IN THE WORKROOM ALONE WAS LONELY...
!?
WHEN I WAKE UP IN THE MORNING HE'S USUALLY CURLED UP LIKE THIS WITH HIS EARS COVERING HIS HIND LEGS
And the wall in the working area
MY LITTLE LOVER papi10/END

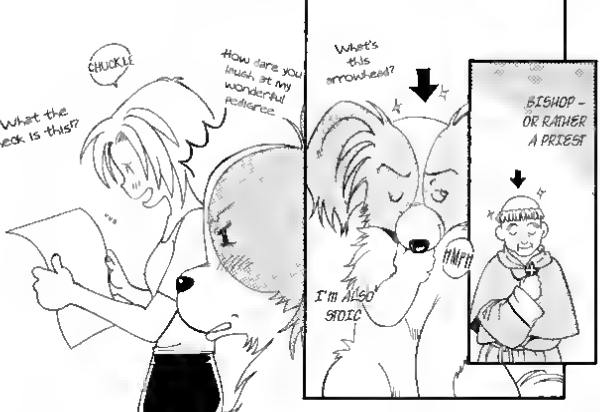
FREETALK 10


Uhm.
When Papi gets stuck in the midst of my photo sorting
drool
drool
Firmly sterring on it.
Firmly sterring on it.
Eating the dog food he deliberately brought with him.

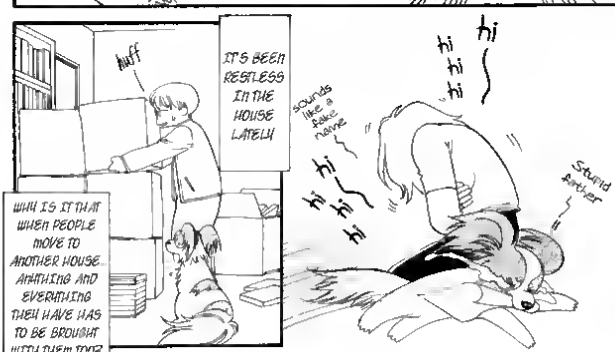
FREETALK 10/END

I AM THE GREAT PAPI


MY NAME IS PAPI
PAPI
PAPI
PAPI
I BELIEVE THAT AMONGST THE VAST NUMBER OF PAPILLIONS OUT THERE NO ONE POSSESSES THIS NAME BUT ME
OR RATHER THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BELIEVE
BUT, WHAT SETS ME APART FROM THESE OTHER PAPIS IS THAT I AM PEDIGREED
MY REAL NAME IS OF GEE I NOBLITH THE BISHOP OF ORLAMOU!!


What the heck is this?
CHUCKLE
How dare you laugh at my wonderful patience
What's this arrowhead?
I'm ALSO GAY!
HMPH
BISHOP - OR RATHER A PRIEST

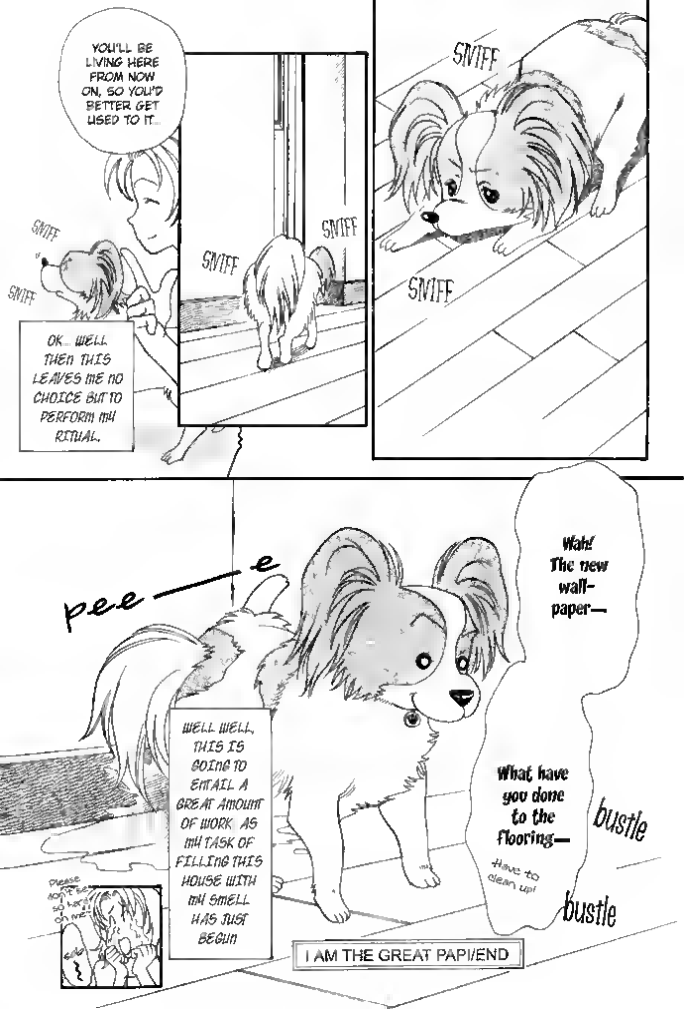
1 STARE DISNEY OF MICKEY HOUSE
2 ANTHEM OF ORIANSOW
FATHER... DISNEY OF MICKEY HOUSE.


Huff
IT'S BEEN RESTLESS IN THE HOUSE LATELY
WHY IS IT THAT WHEN PEOPLE MOVE TO ANOTHER HOUSE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THEY HAVE HAS TO BE BROUGHT WITH THEM TOO?
hi
hi hi hi
sounds like a fake name
hi hi hi
Stupid brother

AH WHAT AM I DOING?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
MY PLACE HAS BEEN...
I can't get through.
SURPRISE
MOVE ASIDE A LITTLE, OK?
MY PLACE...
lift
AND THEN
MY FIRST HOSPITAL VISIT ON THE DAY OF THE MOVE TO THE NEW HOUSE
I'm gonna have to subject him to an intravenous injection. Should you have any concerns, just give me a call!
Ok, I'll leave it up to you then.
ANIMAL CLINIC
THUD
DELICATE AS I AM I FELL DOWN DUE TO AN ATTACK OF CHRONIC PANIC
Kyaa!! Papi!!

UM, HOW'S FAFI'S CONDITION?
WELL, HE SEEMS TO HAVE CALMED DOWN NOW
Well there's nothing we can do about this
BUT BEFORE LONG THEY CALM DOWN
slash
swipe
WHEN DOGS ARE PUT INTO A CAGE
THEY STRUGGLE IN THEIR DESIRE TO ESCAPE
HE HAS BEEN SLEEPING FACING BACKWARDS ALL THIS TIME
Seems to
FOR ME TO HAVE BEEN CAGED LIKE THIS IS SOMETHING MY PRIDE WON'T TOLERATE
What's with this tune? It's all mine
AND SO MY CHRONIC ILLNESS HAS BEEN HEALED BY THE INTRAVENOUS DRIP ADMINISTERED TO ME
I'M FINALLY BACK TO MY SENSES AGAIN
scratch
Don't remove that
I THINK IT WOULD BE ALRIGHT TO SEND HIM OUT OF THE HOSPITAL BY TOMORROW
SO JUST COME HERE TOMORROW NIGHT TO PICK HIM UP
slash
ONLY ABOUT ONE OF EVERY TEN DOGS WILL DO THAT.
REALLY RARE INDEED.

PAPI
SOB
MY LOOKS LIKE HE DEFE-CATED
IT'S GREAT TO SEE THAT YOU'VE RECOV-ERED~
PAPI~
flop
HERE, OUR NEW HOME
NO, THIS IS NOT MY HOME~
IT DOESN'T HAVE MY SMELL, YOU KNOW!
THIS DOG IS ALWAYS FULL OF SURPRISES
WAGG
WAGG
IT SEEMED TO BE A RESULT OF HIS DELIGHT
THANK GOOD-NESS


YOU'LL BE LIVING HERE FROM NOW ON, SO YOU'D BETTER GET USED TO IT...
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
OK... WELL THEN THIS LEAVES ME NO CHOICE BUT TO PERFORM MY RITUAL.
pee——e
WELL WELL, THIS IS GOING TO ENTAIL A GREAT AMOUNT OF WORK. AS MY TASK OF FILLING THIS HOUSE WITH MY SMELL HAS JUST BEGUN
Wah! The new wall-paper—
What have you done to the Flooring—
Have to clean up!
bustle
bustle
I AM THE GREAT PAPI!END

MY SPLENDID DAYS

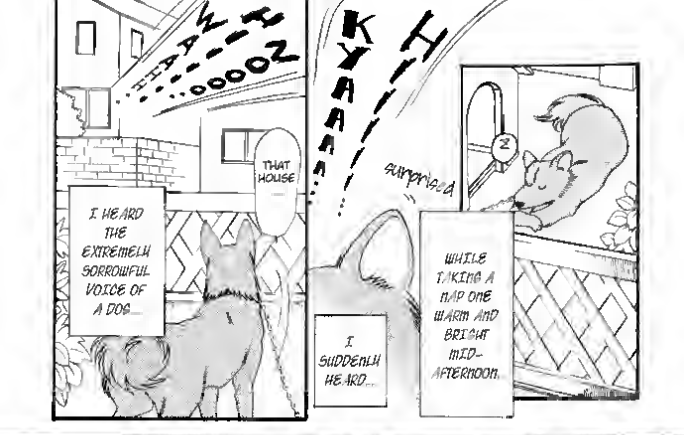
MY LITTLE LOVER
special extra chapter

A DAY OF AWAKENING

FOOD!
FOOD!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU? YOU STILL HAVE A LOT OF FOOD LEFT
clonk
UGH
AS YOU WISH, PRINCE..
food!
food!
step
step
step
GEEZ... IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT?
clonk
clonk
clonk
clonk
faster
SO AS TO NOT GET MESSY WHILE HE EATS
Time to watch TV
growl
THE PRINCE ELEGANTLY ATE HIS FOOD OFF A SPOON..

It was still alright up until that point, however...

chomp
chomp
URGENTLY WANTS TO EAT
sleepy.
FORCEFULLY WOKEN UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
JUST TO PREPARE HIM A MEAL.
I'm hungry... I said I'm hungry!
THOMP
THOMP
IT'S ONLY 2 O'CLOCK
OK DONE
really disgusted-looking face
REALLY?
THIS IS THE EASIEST WAY TO MAKE HIM DRINK HIS MEDICINE.
HERE, DRINK ...
THAT LOOKS WEIRD.
no way
HERE, DRINK YOUR MEDICINE.
IT ALL SPILLED OUT.
AH.
bleh
medicine

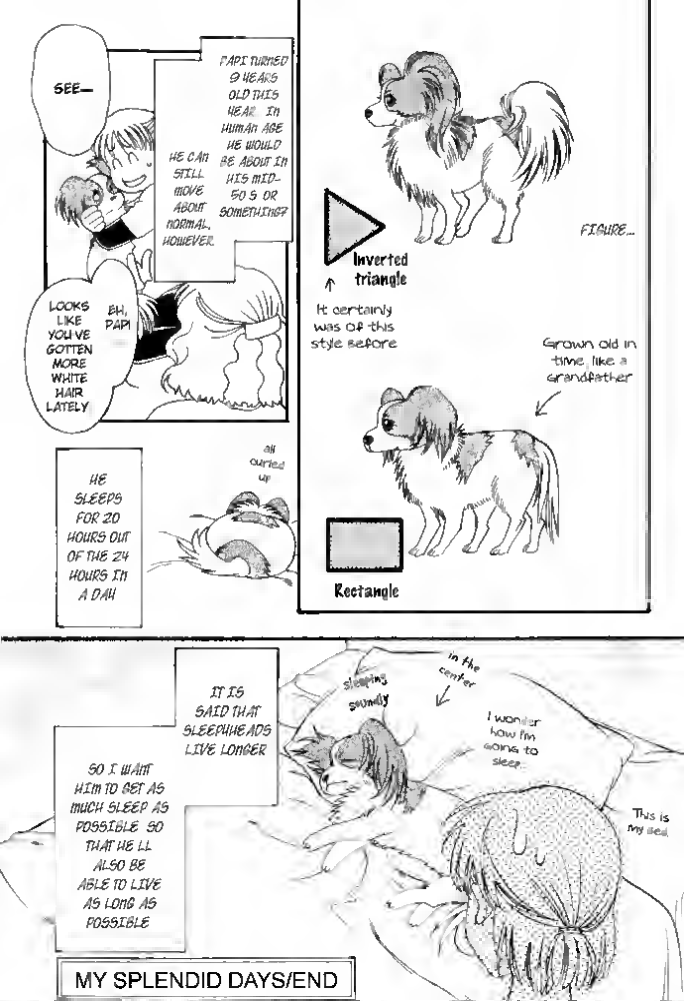

I HEARD THE EXTREMELY SORROWFUL VOICE OF A DOG...
THAT HOUSE
I SUDDENLY HEARD...
KYAAAAA...
SURPRISED
WHILE TAKING A NAP ONE WARM AND BRIGHT MID-AFTERNOON

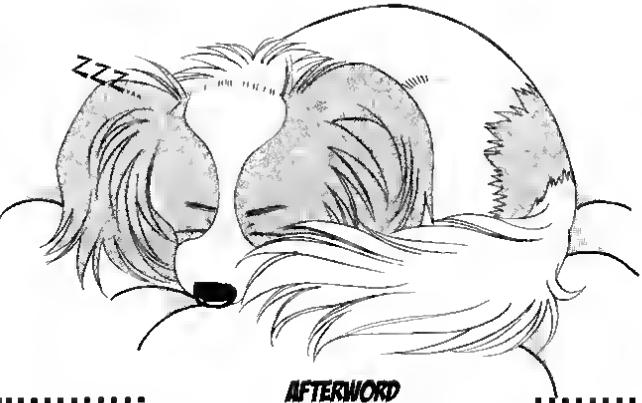
THWACK
THWACK
COULD THIS BE MALTREATMENT... TO THINK THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED IN THAT HOUSE MORE THAN JUST ONCE OR TWICE...
Are you okay——?
What's the matter——?
Don't die——!
Hang in there——!
BARK
BARF
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP HIM OUT SO I JUST ENCOURAGED HIM THE BEST THAT I COULD

THAT TIME..

Hang in there!
WOOF
I'm with you all the way
Nighttime doesn't go on forever, you know!
WOOF
Answer me
desperate
Anyone
Help me!
I don't want to
!!
I don't want to take a bath!
whimper
whimper
whimper
THIS IS BECAUSE YOU SPILLED ALL THAT MEDICINE, SO YOU BECAME ALL GOOEY

Ooh, what an amazing hair!
AND THEN THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE
FWIP
WHEN I FIRST BROUGHT PAPI TO OUR NEW HOME, I COULD HARDLY SEE ANY OTHER PAPILLION DOGS.
SCOOT
fwip
fwip
BUT JUST RECENTLY, I WAS ABLE TO SEE A PAPILLION WHO WAS ABOUT 5-6 YEARS YOUNGER THAN PAPI.
FIRST OFF, THE YOUNGER PAPILLION'S HAIR LOOKS DIFFERENT.
AND ALSO DOESN'T HAVE WHITE HAIR AROUND HER EYES.
AH.


SEE—
PAPI TURNED 9 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR. IN HUMAN AGE HE WOULD BE ABOUT IN HIS MID-50'S OR SOMETHING?
HE CAN STILL MOVE ABOUT NORMAL, HOWEVER.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOTTEN MORE WHITE HAIR LATELY
EH, PAPI
FIGURE...
Inverted triangle
It certainly was of this style before
Grown old in time, like a grandfather
Rectangle
HE SLEEPS FOR 20 HOURS OUT OF THE 24 HOURS IN A DAY
all curled up
IT IS SAID THAT SLEEPING ADS LIVE LONGER
SO I WANT HIM TO GET AS MUCH SLEEP AS POSSIBLE SO THAT HE'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO LIVE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE
sleeping soundly
in the center
I wonder how I'm going to sleep...
This is my bed.
MY SPLENDID DAYS/END



AFTERWORD

Hello everyone. This is my first work published by Asha Publications. I never thought it would be compiled into one entire volume, so I'm surprised and happy.

I have never really drawn manga whose genre is about my own life. Just to think that the stories would be about myself makes me so embarrassed. I tried reading this work of mine afterwards, and blushed at the thought that people will think, "Ah, that stupid dog and his stupid owner."

It's been 9 years since I started taking care of Papi. In the years he spent at home, it seems that my 'blind parental love' level has only increased.

Because of his sickness, I spoiled him even more. But I thought that was ok, so long as it will let him live longer.

Just a little while ago, Papi tried jumping towards my lap, but failed to do so. He turned once, then tumbled down. Just the sight of him walking with a limp brought everyone in the house to tears and panic! We hurriedly (continued)

called the clinic forgetting the fact that it was a Sunday We walked about frantically since we didn't know what to do We got ready to look for the nearest emergency clinic

Despite this Papi continued walking lightly as if nothing happened We immediately gave him some liquor and he slept peacefully afterwards (He was still able to sleep that well despite everything that has happened)

Papi seems to have gotten used to the new house already It's as if the admission to the hospital when we moved in last year didn't happen at all

I really really hope that Papi will always be healthy from now on

My deepest thanks all you guys who bought this book! I'll be glad to hear about your comments regarding this work of mine Being the fond parent of Papi that I am I've been thinking of sending out a postcard of the real Papi in reply to your letter It's always a big help if you write down your complete name and address in a mailing label and enclose it inside the envelope

Well then wishing the best of health to each and everyone's lover out there!

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You Higuri

A note from SiH
Papi passed away in 2003 at nine years of age A translated tribute from Yuu Higuri can be found here http //www youhiguri com/dtig/higurin/papipapi htm

You Higuri's Official HP TIARA - Higunn Online Source of Info
http://www.diana.dti.ne.jp/~higuri

Papi's real-life photos are open to the public Go to the "About Higuri" page and take a look ok?